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## PEACE TALK PROGRESS

### Communists Agree To Halt Offensive On North Bank Eight Miles From Nanking

Nanking, April 11.

A responsible official source said today the Kuomintang and Communists "are moving closer to agreement" in the Peiping peace talks.

Many difficult points, he said, have been straightened out but declined to give any further details on the negotiations.

Another high official source close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen confirmed that the Communists have agreed to halt the general drive against the North bank of the Yangtse River. The agreement was verbal and would not be announced formally. He does not know whether the Communists already have issued actual orders to their field forces to cease attacks against government-held bridgeheads on the North bank but said "it is expected any moment."

Frontline despatches this morning reported some slackening in the Communist onslaught. The reports said the Reds attacking the bridgeheads opposite Chingling have withdrawn one mile and only skirmishes occurred at other points.

The favourable turn in the peace negotiations, deadlocked last week on several sweeping demands raised by the Communists outside the scope of their original eight terms was said to have taken place after General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Shao Li-tse, two of the government delegates, appeared directly to Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung over the heads of the Communist official delegation.

An official source said General Chiang called on Mr. Mao alone on April 9. He and Mr. Shao met the Communist leader again on April 9 for a long talk, appealing to him for moderation to save the peace negotiations from collapse.

The direct appeal to Mr. Mao was said to have resulted in a considerable softening of the Communist attitude and the talks since then have been proceeding smoothly.

The delegations of both sides are still in informal discussions and there has as yet been no date fixed for the opening of the formal conference. Present plans, it was understood, would be to delay a formal conference until after the informal discussions have thrashed out a rudimentary agreement on the eight Communist terms.

#### Demand

#### Withdrawn

An official source confirmed the Communists have withdrawn the demands which were outside the scope of the original eight terms and have consented to leave other

## NEUTRALITY WANTED

Nanking, April 11.  
The Legislative Yuan's Foreign Affairs Committee meeting this morning went on record to support strict neutrality in China's foreign policy.

The meeting was called to review China's foreign policy which is an important issue in the Kuomintang-Communist peace negotiations.

Most of the members criticized the Government's policy of stringing along with the United States. They urged that China should in circumstances alter her policy in a way as to get involved in any future world conflicts.—United Press.

points to be discussed later after peace has been established and a coalition government organized. The April 12 deadline was also rescinded.

One of the Communist demands outside the scope of the original terms was for immediate crossing of the Yangtse River to fight the forces opposing peace and identified with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

One of the important problems still confronting the delegates on both sides in the preliminary discussions at Peiping is reorganization of the Kuomintang armies.

Communist interpretation of reorganization was earlier reported to include permission to bring Communist forces South of the Yangtse after the peace agree-

ment is signed to supervise the reorganization.

Non-acceptance of this by the Nationalists up to date is believed to have held up the opening of formal talks. It has also delayed implementation of cease-fire along the Yangtse line, said to have been agreed to by both sides at Peiping on April 3.

#### Within Eight Miles

Chinese Communist troops struck within eight miles of Nanking during the night but were turned back by the Nationalist defenders, it was reported today.

The rumble of artillery could be clearly heard in Nanking for the first time since the beginning of the civil war as government defenders fought off the Red troops attacking the bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtse.

Last night's action might have been carried out to probe the strength of the Nationalist defenses in the capital city. About 1,000 Red troops, it was estimated, participated in the attacks.

Admiral Kwei Yung-chin, Nationalist Navy Commander, said today that the naval forces have completed their preparations to defend the Yangtse River and were powerful enough to ensure security of the vital waterway.

"If we should fail to safeguard this defence line there will be little hope of reaching a political settlement," he said.

He said the recent success of naval support in the defence of Anking, 145 miles South West of Nanking, must have given the Communists a lesson.

Meanwhile reports from Wuhu said today that about 5,000 civilians have so far been killed by Communist artillery fire.

At Yuhshikow, a Nationalist bridgehead, the Communists last night were reported to have used incendiary shells, causing extensive fires. Fighting flared up with fresh intensity this morning at Erpha and Chungli. Less than 200 yards separate the front-line positions of the opposing armies.

Another report said that the Communists had penetrated into Silingan, a township about 25 miles South of Wuhu, on April 10 but were subsequently beaten back by the Nationalists.

#### Two Legislators Arrested

Premier Ho Ying-chin, was today asked to appear before the Legislative Yuan tomorrow morning to account for the arrest of two legislators, Chin Shao-hsin and Hsu Wen-tien, yesterday.

The legislators were said to be angered at violation of their constitutional rights. A group of legislators crowded into Yuan President Tung Kwan-hsien's office this morning demanding action.

The Yuan secretariat said legislative Chin Shao-hsin was released last night but Hsu Wen-tien was taken to Shanghai under custody.

The secretary general of the Legislative Yuan, Chen Ko-wen, said the arrests were "most preposterous." He said the arrests were made under orders from the garrison authorities in Shanghai. No reason has yet been given officially for the arrest.

A Legislative Yuan source said if Hsu is not set free the Legislative Yuan will go on a "no meeting" strike.—United Press and Reuter.

## A Smiling Bride And Her Veil



Today's smiling bride, Miss Vivienne Mignon, of Sydney, Australia, did not think it was going to be a happy day. She even doubted if she would be married at all to Mr. Turner D. Bridge. For when she arrived at St. Stephen's, Roslyn Hill, no clergyman was there to marry them. The 82-year-old retiring vicar had forgotten all about the ceremony. Fortunately the new vicar arrived, though it was already half an hour late.—(AP Photo).

## Yunnan's Ex-Governor Says He Won't Go Back

General Lung Yun, former Governor of Yunnan, said yesterday that as long as the Nationalist Government does not accept Communist Chairman Fao Tse-tung's eight-point proposal he would not go back to China to head the Yunnan Province again.

This statement which came in the wake of speculation as to whether the General would soon return to the Chinese political stage was made at a press conference he gave to representatives of a specific group of local newspapers.

General Lung confirmed press reports that both Acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin had asked him several times to help the Government to settle the present unrest in Yunnan. The former warlord, excitedly went as far as to say, "Should the Kuomintang reactionaries use Yunnan as a final base to continue their fight against the Communists I would definitely join the people of Yunnan in revolting against the Government. I do not want the people of Yunnan to suffer again after eight years of war against aggression and three years of civil war."

**Lung Blames Chiang**  
The 61-year-old General blamed President Chiang Kai-shek for the present upheaval in Yunnan. It was President Chiang, he said, who had completely sabotaged his plans for the people of Yunnan.

Instead of building up the province, he added, Chiang had turned Yunnan, which played an important role in the war against the Japanese, into a place where nobody likes to live.

"I sneaked out from Nanking," he continued, "because there were too many of Chiang's secret servicemen around me. Now they want me to go back to Yunnan where the retired President has just as many secret agents."

In a sarcastic tone, he said, "Now they want me to patch up what Chiang had stirred up."

Striking an optimistic note on the present peace talks between the Government and the Communists the former warlord said that he believed that both Acting President Li and Premier Ho would try their utmost to seek a peaceful settlement with the Communists. "I have not given up hope yet," he added.

**Urges Li To Yield**  
In a letter to Vice President Li made public yesterday, he and Lung urged the latter to accept the Communist peace proposal unconditionally. He said the Chinese Communists and democratic elements are fighting to overthrow the present feudalistic system and to relieve the Chinese people of their suffering. He said he believed the Communists want a "real and lasting peace."

In signing such an agreement with the Communists, the letter continued, the name Li Tsung-jen will go down in Chinese history as a peace-maker. However, General Lung warned President Li that his efforts seeking peace should not be restricted by "the man behind the scene," apparently referring to President Chiang Kai-shek.

In the letter General Lung told the Acting President that the present unrest in Yunnan is political in nature and it is beyond any single man's power to settle. He assured the Acting President that there can never be a solution for Yunnan so long as there is no peace for the rest of the nation.

## London Dock Workers Strike

London, April 11.  
About 8,200 London dock workers, members of the 7,000-strong National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union, went on strike today against the dismissal of 33 men on the grounds of redundancy. Some dockers belonging to the Transport and General Workers Union have joined the strikers and the stoppage has affected the unloading of some 30 ships, many containing meat and other foodstuffs. The decision to stop work was taken at a mass meeting of the Stevedores Union members yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Bird, National Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, has appealed to members of his union, working in London's dockland, to estimate at 20,000, to remain at work.—Reuter.

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## CHILD DIES IN WELL-PIPE

San Marino, California, April 11.

Three-year-old Kathy Ficus was brought up dead from her well tomb today.

A doctor's announcement that she died by drowning ended 52 hours of rescue efforts.

Since the little girl, running at play, stumbled into the well, covered well opening on Friday, accounts of the attempt to reach her had stirred the United States and the rest of the world as few stories have in recent years.

Fifteen thousand people watched the final rescue attempt. Volunteers worked round the clock by boring a shaft almost parallel to the narrow old well, then tunnelling across to the point where she had wedged, almost 100 feet down.

They found her body in water. The doctor said she drowned a short time after she plunged down the abandoned casing.

When the announcement was made there was no sound from the thousands of spectators for several records.

A black hearse carried Kathy's body to a mortuary.

A giant bulldozer dug in immediately and bent the top of the old well casing four double and sealed it tight.—Associated Press.

## Holy Week Ushered In

Vatican City, April 11.  
More than 40,000 faithful thronged the Basilica of St. Peter's yesterday to usher in Holy Week with the rites of Palm Sunday.

Thousands of pilgrims from many foreign lands were in the vast throng. Palm Sunday commemorates the solemn entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, when he was greeted with hosannas, and palms and flowers were strewn before him.

Mass was celebrated. In the name of the Administration of the State of Vatican City, Monsignor Camillo de Ruffini, Vicar of the Apostolic Prefecture, presented Pope Pius XII with an elaborate palm prepared by the monks of Santa Prisca Convent in Rome.

During Mass, many thousands of palm leaves were blessed. These later were distributed to the faithful in attendance.

The pontiff today will impart Easter communion to his lay aides, and on Thursday to his ecclesiastical aides, at private ceremonies.—Associated Press.

## The Weather

At 0400 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) a moderate anti-cyclone centred over N. China dominates central and E. China and the sea to the E. Pressure is relatively low over W. China, Indochina and the Philippines. A complex depression S and E of Japan is moving ENE.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh Easterly wind; cloudy with occasional rain early, improving, cooler.

Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum: 82.8 deg. F.  
Minimum: 63.2 deg. F.  
Sunshine: 4.4 hours.  
Rainfall: 0.1 mm. = 0.004 in. Total since Jan. 1-1949: 11.2 mm. = 0.44 in. as against an average of 100.8 mm. = 3.97 in.

Results at:  
10 a.m. 10 p.m.  
Sun 100% 100%  
Moon 0% 0%  
Wind 100% 100%  
Temp 78° 78°  
Humidity 75% 75%  
Bar 30.0 30.0

## INDIA MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN NEXT WAR

London, April 10.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, interviewed by Ward Price of the "Daily Mail" in New Delhi, said today that if war should break out, India would not necessarily participate.

Mr. Nehru admitted: "If war breaks out anywhere, it is likely to become universal. It might be that India's interests would require her participation, but that would depend on the circumstances."

"A friendly India, on good terms with the other Commonwealth members, would be of more value to them than the limited military aid she could furnish. It is open to her now, as to every Commonwealth member state, to abstain from taking part in any war in which the United Kingdom might become engaged."

He said Europe had been the centre and Asia only the fringe of world gravity, but "Asia has now become the scene of a major agrarian movement whose manifestations are reflected in the disturbed conditions prevailing in so many Asiatic countries."

He said it ought not to be difficult to fit Republican India into the Commonwealth framework since the changes required are matters of form only.

It was reliably learned that Mr. Nehru would go to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London on April 21 armed with two main proposals concerning India's future relationship with the British Commonwealth.

Reliable sources said the two proposals were outlined by Mr. Nehru during a three-hour session with an Indian Congress Party Working Committee. They are:

1. Granting of dual citizenship to all Indians—as citizens of both the "Republic" of India and the British Commonwealth.

2. A plan whereby India would continue her old association with the Commonwealth after she becomes an independent republic.

The Indians are understood to be ready for some kind of formula under which the High Commissioner would remain the first citizen of the Commonwealth but in all other matters would have to be on an equal footing with the President of the Indian Republic.

The Indian President instead of the King would appoint India's diplomats under this formula.

British citizens in India would owe allegiance to the Indian President as representing the King and Indian subjects in Britain would owe allegiance to the King as the Indian President's representative.

Mr. Nehru was quoted as saying: "We hope strongly that the days of colonial domination in Asia are coming to a speedy end. The French in Indo-China and the Dutch in Indonesia would do well to face this fact and cut their losses."

Asked whether Communism was strong in India, Mr. Nehru said "Communism might mean two things—one, the Communist Party,

the other, discontent bred by poverty."

Mr. Ward said Premier Nehru holds the former of little account in India. He said in the general election the Communists would not have any success. Mr. Ward added: "But governing that breed of agrarian Communist was one of the many tasks facing the (Nehru's) government."—United Press.

**BABY COMPETITION PRIZEWINNERS**  
See tomorrow's "China Mail" for prizewinners of the Baby Competition.

A total of \$1,100 will be divided among parents of the babies chosen by the judges, and readers who accurately guessed the judges' decisions.

## Pakistan Won't Let Jammu Go

Kashmir, Rawalpindi, April 11.

A Pakistan Government spokesman today denied a Washington report that Pakistan would accept a partition of the Jammu and Kashmir state, with Jammu going to India and Kashmir to Pakistan.

Sixty-one per cent of Jammu population is Moslem, he said. In circumstances would the Pakistan Government agree to the whole or any part of Jammu going to India except as the result of a free and impartial plebiscite.

The United Nations Security Council had promised a plebiscite to decide whether Jammu and Kashmir should join India or Pakistan, so that the question of partition did not arise, he added.—Reuter.

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## No Buyers For Good Spot

One of the most attractive spots on the island failed to attract any buyers yesterday at the Public Works Department's Crown Land auction.

The 64,720-square-foot site on which formerly stood the Peak Hotel was withdrawn from sale as a result of no bidders turning up for the land.

The upset price of the area, adjacent to the upper terminus of the Peak Tram, was HK\$647,000. One of the conditions of sale bound any purchaser to investing not less than HK\$50,000 in rateable improvements.

Only a hotel or block of European-type flats with garages and proper out-buildings can be built on the site.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, held the former lease on the land. The lease expired in December last.

It was learned yesterday that a building not higher than nine storeys will be permitted to be constructed on the land.

## Former Nazi Ambassador Found Guilty

Nuremberg, April 11.

An American war crimes tribunal today found Baron Ernst von Weizsäcker, former German ambassador to the Vatican and state secretary in Hitler's foreign office, guilty of helping to plan an aggressive war against Czechoslovakia.

In the first such conviction since Hermann Goerring and other top Nazis were sentenced to hang in 1946, the American court found that Weizsäcker was not a mere bystander but acted affirmatively in the German conquest of Czechoslovakia.

He was acquitted of any guilt in planning and aiding Germany's conquest of other European countries.

He will be sentenced on Thursday after the court reads an 800-page judgment against him and 20 co-defendants.

Weizsäcker and 17 others were charged on aggressive war counts. The charges had been dropped against a few of them.

In convicting Weizsäcker, the majority opinion of the tribunal said: "He was not a mere bystander but acted affirmatively and himself conducted diplomatic negotiations both with the victors (Czechoslovakia) and the interested power (Nazi Germany) doing this with full knowledge of the facts. Thorough disapproval is not defence to an action."

"While we appreciate the facts that Weizsäcker did not originate this invasion and that his part was not a controlling one, we find it was real and necessary implementation of the programme. We, therefore, are compelled to hold him guilty to the invasion of Czechoslovakia."—United Press.

## Miss Orient's Master, Officers, Crew Blameless

No blame can be attached to the master, officers and crew of the ss. *Miss Orient* which capsized following an explosion in the Pearl River delta with the loss of an estimated 107 lives, according to a decision reached yesterday by a Court of Inquiry.

Regarding allegations made against the conduct of three vessels following the *Miss Orient* from Canton, the Court considered that the masters of the vessels were the only competent judges of a correct course of action in relation to their responsibilities.

The Court commended the officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton for the rescue of the survivors of the river disaster.

Carrying some 404 passengers and crew, the ss. *Miss Orient* left Canton at 9.20 p.m. on March 24 for Hong Kong. At 10.50 p.m. an explosion caused the ship to founder in the channel leading to Mailland Passage. The vessel listed rapidly to starboard and went on her beam ends to the river bed within a few minutes.

An inquiry into the tragedy was held last Monday by a Court of Inquiry composed of Mr. N. Garland (President), and Lieutenant-Commander J. B. P. Strling, Captain W. Lumsden, Captain R. E. Smith and Captain I. Newton (Members).

The following conclusion was reached by the Court:

### Technical Evidence

"From the technical evidence of Mr. W. R. K. Collings and the evidence of other witnesses, the Court judges that at or about 10.50 p.m. an explosion occurred close to the ship's port side bilge and across the transverse watertight bulkhead dividing Nos. 1 and 2 holds.

"This explosion produced a hole of approximately 35 square feet in area, which directly opened No. 1 hold to the sea, and also produced a small hole of about one square foot, opening No. 2 hold to the sea. In addition, it caused the lower attachment of the bulkhead to the shell plating adjacent to the larger hole to be seriously disrupted and permitted water entering No. 1 hold to pass into No. 2 hold.

"Mr. Collings' evidence showed that the port lower deck immediately above the hole in No. 1 hold was disrupted and that an opening 12 feet in length by six feet in width was made in it by the explosion.

"In the judgment of the Court this provided adequate proof for the finding of an explosive cause, and the pattern of the disrupted external plating showed substantial evidence of an internal explosion. The damage, which is restricted relatively in extent does not, in the opinion of the Court, indicate that the explosion was produced by a military mine but rather by a somewhat less elaborate contrivance.

"The failure of the telemotor control to the steering gear immediately after the explosion is accountable by reason of shock with possible fracture of the telemotor piping. By this failure

### Water Pours In

"The Court noted from calculations that at least 402 tons of water would enter into No. 1 hold and 14 tons of water into No. 2 hold in each minute, in the condition existing after the explosion. It was a matter of technical interest to the Court to receive Mr. Sprague's assurance that, had the explosion not occurred across the transverse bulkhead in question and had its effects been confined entirely to either Nos. 1 or 2 holds, the impairment to the vessel's stability and flotation would have been insufficient to jeopardise her immediate safety, and that capsizing, if it had occurred, would have been considerably delayed.

"The Court found that the *Miss Orient* was surveyed and equipped in accordance with the statutory requirements, and was in fact at the time of the disaster, a well found ship. The evidence in Court showed that the anti-piracy grilles were not locked before the disaster and although closed, had guards standing by. The evidence of Mr. Collings shows that the exits from the passenger spaces on the port side were all found to be open at the time of his inspection.

"There is no reason to believe that the escape provisions for passengers would have been proved inadequate in more normal circumstances. The master, officers and crew were given time in which to employ the life-saving appliances on board to advantage, and the passengers themselves, because of the suddenness of the disaster, did not even have time to obtain their life-jackets which were so stowed as to be immediately available. The Court judges that in all the circumstances, no blame can be attached to the master, officers and crew.

### Three Vessels Following

"Some evidence was led in Court relating to the conduct of three vessels which were following the *Miss Orient* down river, and against which an allegation has been made of failing to render all possible assistance. It is difficult to comment on the action of these vessels, but the Court considers that the masters of the ships, in the weather conditions prevailing at the time, narrow waters, where a degree of uncertainty concerning the cause and nature of the accident existed, and without actual knowledge of the obstruction which had possibly occurred in the way of the bulk of the *Miss Orient*, were the only competent judges of a correct course of action, in relation to their responsibilities for the safety of their vessels, passengers and crew.

"The Court desires to record its commendation of the excellent work performed by officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Canton led by Mr. H. Abbott, Chief Preventative Surveyor. These Officers were instrumental in rescuing the passengers and crew of the *Miss Orient* and in carrying them to safety by the early morning of March 25. The Court also records the valuable technical evidence given by Messrs. Sprague and Collings, which proved of material assistance in forming judgment on

## Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Roth, freelance correspondents for a number of American and European publications, passed through Hong Kong yesterday on their way to Shanghai. They came by TAA plane from Manila and continued by CNAC plane to Shanghai.

Mr. Yao Ke, well-known Chinese playwright, may leave later in the year to assist in the Twentieth Century Fox production of "Transit Hong Kong."

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Member of Parliament, left Hong Kong yesterday by BOAC for Singapore on his way back to the United Kingdom.

Mr. M.V. Palmer left the Colony yesterday for Colombo by BOAC. He will first visit Singapore.

Mr. C. G. Meredith who is proceeding to Bombay left Hong Kong by BOAC yesterday for Singapore.

On his way to visit Calcutta, Mr. P. von Schubert left by BOAC yesterday for Singapore.

Among the passengers who flew to Singapore yesterday by BOAC were Messrs. David Sassoon, A. van Offeren, F. Harris, D. Dalnial, John W. Y. Yuen, and Tay Choon hant.

Mr. J. Q. O'Donnell will address the Kowloon Rotary Club on Thursday at the Club's weekly luncheon at the Peninsula Hotel. The subject will be "Wings Over Mexico and Guatemala."

Mr. T. H. Strangeways will speak on "Farms in Three Counties" at the weekly film show of the British Council on Thursday at the Helena May Institute at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. J. J. Edelman left for the United Kingdom by BOAC yesterday.

Arrived from Foochow by the ss. *Kweiyang* yesterday were Messrs. J. Chubb, of Dodwell and Company, Limited, and A. F. Hendlam.

Mr. K. K. Ramchandani left for Singapore yesterday by CPA.

Mrs. E. H. Chilton, Miss M. A. Mody and Mr. Au Lien-ho left for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Mrs. A. M. Kew and her son, and Messrs. Josef Horn, H. T. Riddle and S. G. Hayes left for Shanghai yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. A. J. Parry and W. C. Gordon arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday from Singapore by CPA.

Among the arrivals from Bangkok on Sunday by CPA were Mrs. Lee Wong-yuen, Messrs. Pedro L. Jintile, A. Grotjohan, Chu Chen, Lee No, and Tan Eay-nam.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Baptista, Miss D. Harrison, Mrs. Y. H. Kwong, Messrs. N. Rosefield, N. C. Millar, H. T. Ridder, S. S. Whang, S. G. Hayes, Y. S. Tao, G. A. Reedy, M. M. Killian, and Dr. P. H. Lissner.

Among the new week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hamer, Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Tai, Mrs. C. P. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Marcel, Messrs. W. Fletcher, James S. Lyons, C. J. S. Johnston, N. A. Hemming, M. Landau, R. K. Bittner, and Lieutenant-Commander J. R. Dreyer.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Alfredo Augusto Tavares, Advertising Manager, of 99 Gloucester Road, and Miss Theresa Maria Rodrigues, Advertising Director, of St. Joseph Building, Block "B," first floor, Robinson Road.

## ROBBERS' RUSE TOLD IN COURT

A ruse by robbers which is alleged to have given them access to the contents of safe on the second floor of 20 Cross Street, Wanchai, on October 2 last, was related before Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

According to the prosecution, the robbers, saying they had been sent by a relative of one of the occupants, talked Wong Ho-king, a married woman, into opening the safe. After producing robbery by two or more and receiving stolen property.

A woman, Ng Sau-ying, was discharged by the Court when the Crown Counsel announced that the prosecution had no evidence to offer against her.

Technical matters, which might otherwise have been obscure, "thickly" the Court while it expounds the ruse in relation to the relatives of those who lost their lives in this disaster.

## Wharf And Godown Co. Nets \$2,509,155 Profit

A net profit of HK\$2,509,155 for 1948 was reported at the 58th annual general meeting of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, held in Jardine's board room yesterday.

The net profit showed an increase of more than HK\$770,000 over that of 1947, and was described by the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Landale, as reflecting a year of very satisfactory operation.

A total of 745 vessels discharging 655,415 tons of cargo were handled, as compared with 654 vessels discharging 649,000 tons of cargo during 1947.

Mr. Landale, addressing shareholders, said: "During the last quarter of the year we felt the effects of the Maritime Strike on the West Coast of the United States, and I feel therefore that the overall increase on the previous year's figures can be considered satisfactory, and is reflected in the figures now before you."

"The principal feature of the year, was the acute congestion in Godown space, resulting in our capacity being fully taxed throughout. In order to meet this situation a total of 45,000 tons additional godown space has been built during the year, and space for about 20,000 tons leased.

By importing pre-fabricated godowns and constructing others of local materials we were able to keep pace with the influx of cargoes, and although this type of construction is not in keeping with our general type of building it was considered essential to provide the necessary accommodation as quickly as possible. I am glad to say that as a result of this policy no ship's discharge has been delayed and no cargo has had to be diverted elsewhere.

### Charges Maintained

"Although as increase in operating costs developed during the year we were able to maintain our charges at the rates introduced at the end of 1946, and as the speed of ships' discharge has also been maintained at a higher rate than that of most other ports, the overall cost of ships' working is Hong Kong still compares very favourably with anywhere else in the world.

"It is also a matter of record that the incidence of pilferage and cargo thefts in the Port continues to be at a very low level. "Our Launch and Lighter Fleet has been well employed during the year, the overall daily average of employment being 74 per cent of the Fleet. Six Lighters have been added to the Fleet, but four craft which had passed the stage of economical repair have been disposed of and the strength of the fleet now stands at eight Launches and seventy-two Lighters, against our pre-war figures of nine and 120 respectively.

"All craft have been maintained in first class condition, and the efficient trainings are being increasingly appreciated by our constituents. A large number of our Lighters have been fitted with Fire Fighting Equipment for the carriage of Dangerous Cargo, and the latest addition to the Fleet is specially constructed for this purpose. The introduction of this craft will considerably reduce the cost of handling small quantities of this type of cargo.

### Dangerous Goods

"We have also provided additional facilities for storage of dangerous goods during the year, and an extension to our dangerous goods godowns at Yau-mat is now under construction.

"Our general rehabilitation programme has proceeded steadily throughout the year, and extensive maintenance repairs have been carried out throughout our properties. The fire services and sprinkler system at Kowloon Point have been thoroughly overhauled, and new equipment is in order to complete the installations which were unfinished in 1947.

"Our mechanical handling equipment has been increased by the arrival of two new electric gantry cranes and two further mobile cranes. The wharf cranes are now fully served with a battery of six electric gantry cranes, lifting up to 15 tons. The equipment in our timber yard at Yau-mat has also been supplemented with the transfer there of the 15 ton steam crane, at present basing in the construction of No. 4 wharf; the facilities in this yard will be back to pre-war level.

"We were also able during the year to afford machinery for the Company's Repair Shop, which was looked by the Japanese, and this very useful adjunct is once again in full operation.

"General maintenance upkeep on our eight concrete berths at Kowloon has been carried on throughout the year, and construction of the new No. 4 Wharf is proceeding very satisfactorily. It is hoped that this wharf will be in full operation before the end of this year. The new coastal wharf at West Point with its added facilities for passenger and baggage handling, has been in full operation for some time.

"The completion of No. 4 Wharf will mark the end of the first phase of our reconstruction and development programme, which was outlined to you at the annual general meeting in November, 1946. The second phase of the programme has been under consideration by your Board for some time, and tentative plans have been drawn up, which include provision for modernising our No. 1 Wharf.

### New Leases Granted

"You will doubtless remember that the leases of all our piers expire at the end of this year, and we have been informed that new leases will be granted under the terms of the announcement made in the Press on August 27, 1947. Pier rentals are to be increased, but your Directors consider the terms in general to be satisfactory and in conformity with the general policy of the Port.

"The Company's canteen quarters in Canton Road, which suffered from neglect during the occupation, have been completely rehabilitated during the year, and there is ample evidence that our permanent labour forces appreciate the provision that has been made for their housing.

"Another instruction during the year was the installation of a staff canteen at Kowloon Point, which has proved very successful and popular.

"Towards the end of the year we were successful in our efforts to resume control of our house property in Halphong Road, when eviction orders against the unauthorised squatters in these houses became effective. These houses had not been scheduled for demolition before the outbreak of hostilities, and the intervening years have not improved their condition.

"Your directors have therefore drawn up in 1949 for the housing of our Chinese staff, a scheme of construction of modern flats on this site which will accommodate members of the staff and their families to the number of about 600 people.

"Although the cost of construction is of course very much higher today than when the plan was first moved, we have decided that the conditions under which so many of our staff have been living ever since the re-occupation make it essential to proceed with this plan which, although it will not provide for the whole of our staff, will at least improve the situation to a considerable extent. I am sure shareholders will approve this decision.

### Outbreak Of Fire

"The past year was marked by the unfortunate outbreak of fire in our 'C' Godown in August, which spoiled the Company's unbroken record of 50 years without a conflagration. The loss of two lives and of so much valuable cargo caused great concern to your Board and Management, but I am glad to say that the subsequent official inquiries found that no blame attached to the Company.

"I take this opportunity of publicly expressing our thanks to the members of our staff who so promptly dealt with the initial outbreak, and to the Hong Kong Fire Brigade and Military Police for their prompt and efficient services, which resulted in confining the fire to a comparatively small area.

"The two godowns destroyed in the fire have been replaced by one new building.

"Before turning to the accounts, I would like once again to express our appreciation of the work of our staff throughout the year. We have revived during the year the pre-war practice of working ships 'round the clock' when necessary; this has only been possible through the efforts of all members of the staff, who have cheerfully met all difficulties incidental to the congestion of godown space, to which I referred in my opening remarks. I am sure shareholders will appreciate them for the results achieved.

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## Colony's Rateable Value Set At \$95,000,000

The rateable value of Hong Kong and Kowloon for the year 1949-1950 is HK\$95,000,000, as compared with HK\$80,000,000 the previous year. Revenue from rates last year was around HK\$15,000,000.

This information was revealed by Mr. J. Ring, the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, at a Press conference yesterday.

Mr. Ring said a great deal of the increase is due to new building, reconstruction, alterations and additions.

Hong Kong's rateable value was compared by Mr. Ring to that of the largest cities in England, after London. In terms of Sterling Hong Kong's rateable value is just under £6,000,000.

### WHARF AND GODOWN CO.

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"Turning to the accounts, I do not think anything in the Profit and Loss Account calls for special comment. Depreciation charges have increased, but this is due to the increased value of our assets, consequent on the reconstruction and development to which I have already referred, and which expenditure during the year amounted to \$2,261,051.00.

"There are several changes in the Balance Sheet as compared with that presented at the last meeting. You will doubtless recollect that on the day on which that meeting was held it was announced to the Press that there would be no payment of compensation for War Losses by the Hong Kong Government; there is at present no indication as to whether any repayments will be forthcoming, and your Board have therefore decided to set off our War Losses Account against Reserves. The figure will not be eliminated from our Balance Sheet, however, but will be the subject of further consideration in the light of any future developments of this vexed problem.

"The General Reserve has been increased by \$1,000,000.00 received during 1949, amounting to \$1,000,000.00, transfer from General Contingencies Account of \$245,288.00 and transfer from War Damages Provision of \$250,712.00, and after writing off War Losses now stands at \$3,750,000.00.

### Satisfactory Settlement

"The General Contingencies Account was set up to provide for occupation and interest on Blocked Account, on the lifting of the moratorium a satisfactory settlement of this liability was reached, and a surplus remained, which has been transferred, as stated. This account is now closed, as also is the Provision for Rehabilitation of War Damaged Property. The only Provision which remains active is that for Profits Tax, and as set out I think this account is self-explanatory.

"The balance of payments in respect of the 1947 New Issue Shares have been received in full, and the issued capital stands at \$9,000,000.00.

"You will note that our cash position at December 31, 1948 was strong, but our commitments that date as shown in the second note on the Balance Sheet amounted for 75 per cent of our cash balance. The bulk of these commitments are in respect of our new No. 4 Wharf.

"In the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, you will see that the balance available for appropriation is \$3,225,195.44, and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

1. Provide for Taxation Gen. \$ 178,899.60
2. Add to General Reserve 639,538.08
3. Pay a Dividend at the same rate as last year, i.e. £12.00 per Share, less Tax 1,831,700.70
4. Carry forward to next Account 572,967.00

"I now move that the Report and Accounts as presented together with the Appropriations Incorporated therein, be adopted."

The motion was seconded by Mr. T.N. Chau who congratulated the Board and Management on the year's working and endorsed the Directors' policy of progressive development.

Mr. Chau considered the sum of HK\$10,000 as Directors' Fees to be inadequate. This sum was fixed by the Articles of the Company in 1880, and a substantial increase was overdue. He suggested that the relative article should be amended.

The Chairman said this matter would receive the attention of the Board.

The motion was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Mr. Horace Kadoorie's appointment to the Board in place of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie who had resigned, was confirmed by the meeting.

Mr. H.D. Benham and Mr. N.O.C. Marsh, the two retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board.

Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company, Limited and Percy Smith and Company were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Supporting Mr. Landale in the chair were Sir Maclean Lo and Messrs. H.D. Benham, E.R. Hill, H. Kadoorie, N.O.C. Marsh, T.B. Wilson and A.R. Penn (Directors). Mr. C.E. Terry (General Manager) and Mr. G.B.S. Thompson (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. T.N. Chau, Wong Sik-chen, W. Hyde, C. Hagedorn, J. Woodman, J.E. Beth, C. Miller, A.M. Mackenzie, T.J. Harman, Walter and Major C.W.L. Way.

Birmingham's is £7,540,980; Liverpool's £6,550,494; Manchester's £5,450,275; Leeds £7,951,534; Sheffield £3,400,950, and Bristol's £3,382,122.

Mr. Ring was announcing the re-valuation of rateable tenements of the Colony under the Rating Ordinance for the new financial year commencing April 1.

By tenement, said Mr. Ring, land with or without buildings is meant, and after January 1, 1950, it will also include piers, which at present are not subject to assessment.

During the past quarter rather more than the usual number of assignments of private lands passed through the Rating and Valuation Department for review of the considerations, due to the exceptional number, 273 received in January.

"The market value of real estate in the Colony seems to be steadily rising after a continuous increase (apart from one or two minor and short-lived setbacks) since the end of 1945.

"The number of cinemas and theatres is now again over 30. It dropped to below this figure as a result of war damage.

"Considerable increases in residential accommodation of all kinds have been made in the last 18 months, and a good deal more is nearly completed, building or contemplated. A number of shops, factories, and workshops have also been completed and occupied. The Peak district is rapidly becoming rehabilitated and some places ruined houses are being replaced by blocks of flats. In a number of cases, however, these flats are being put up by firms as quarters for their staffs. This will, nevertheless, release for others the quarters that these staffs previously occupied. The rehabilitation that is going on is pretty well distributed, that is, it is going on in all districts. There are, however, still big gaps in some of the bomb-destroyed areas, gaps that were formerly filled with tenement houses. In a number of cases, however, such gaps are being filled up.

"In Great Demand

"The demand for accommodation of all kinds is still in excess of the supply, though somewhat less so than a year ago.

"The number of flats held vacant for some time, doubtless with a view to obtaining the highest rents, has become small as a result of the requisitioning of vacant premises carried out by the Government.

"It is desired to direct the attention of owners and occupiers of properties to the fact that they are required to fill in and return the Forms No. 1 (in the Schedule of the Rating Ordinance) that are sent to them and that penalties may be imposed under the Ordinance if they fail to do so.

"With regard to house numbering, careful consideration is given to the allotment of new numbers, and gaps are left where necessary for new construction for the type of development that seems most probable. The use of special number plates was considered before the war but the idea had to be dropped owing to the pressure of the war work. We do not change numbers more than can be helped owing to the great inconvenience this causes to tenants and owners e.g. where their premises have been described in legal documents and where business addresses are concerned, etc.

In answer to questions Mr. Ring said that of the Colony's total rateable value, about HK\$35,000,000 is on the mainland and HK\$60,000,000 on the Island.

Rating in the New Territories is under a new system, and the assessment is very light, said Mr. Ring.

Asked for the number of requisitioned flats, Mr. Ring said he could not give the figure off-hand, but it is very small. It is only in very bad cases that a flat is requisitioned.

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## RED CROSS COMMITTEE HOPES TO BE OF HELP

The Red Cross is today in contact with both Chinese Nationalists and Communists and hopes soon to be able to do something for China.

Mr. Frederick Bieri, delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, told the press yesterday that he is conducting talks with both sides in the hope of receiving permission for the Red Cross to do more for the victims of China's civil war.

Mr. Bieri said that he had been able to contact persons connected with both sides, but so far had not received any definite answer from either Nationalists or Communists. Since the Red Cross is a strictly neutral, non-political organisation, whose interests are purely humanitarian, he feels optimistic about the eventual outcome of the negotiations.

At the invitation of the Nationalist Government Mr. Bieri recently visited Canton, where he met General Wu Te-chen, former Vice Premier of China and Minister of Foreign Affairs and other high officials of the Chinese Government. Dr. Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Chinese Republic, who was in Canton at the time, supplied him with valuable information about the present activities of the Red Cross Society in China, he said.

"So far we have had no answer from the North," Mr. Bieri said. "But these things take time."

Mr. Bieri said that he bases his hopes that the Peiping authorities will grant the Red Cross request on two facts mainly—one, the Society of Friends (another international humanitarian agency) are allowed to operate in North China; and two, the Red Cross are still working in Manchuria.

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### Wreck Near Lyemun

An unidentified wreck, about 200 feet long, has been discovered in a position about 1,500 feet West North West of Lyemun Beacon, according to the Marine Department.

Any claims to the wreck should be made to the Acting Director of Marine not later than on April 25. It was officially stated yesterday.

### Reminders

#### Today

Urban Council meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.  
Church Missionary Society, 150th Anniversary, 24 hour continuous intercession, St. John's Cathedral, 7.30 a.m.  
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Union Waterboat Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, Dodwell and Co's office, HK Bank Building, 11 a.m.  
Chinese YMCA Campaign Prize Distribution, HK Hotel, 1st floor, 6.30 p.m.  
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.45 p.m.  
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

#### Coming Events

##### TOMORROW

Brains Trust Session, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.  
HK Stage Club Chit-chatting Meeting for "Quiet Week-end" at PRO Lecture Room, 8 p.m.  
To: H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
Union Church Management Committee meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

##### THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
British Council weekly film show, talk on "Farms in Three Countries" by Mr. T. G. Strongways, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

### 'Blacked-Out'

San Francisco, April 10. Trans-Pacific radio communications were completely "blacked out" for two hours and 12 minutes today due to atmospheric disturbances. Spoken for Probs Wireless, Mackay Radio and RCA all reported that their contact with Pacific and Oriental Vints faded out at 12.50 p.m. Voice was restored at 3.10 p.m.

All companies have been advised in advance by the Bureau of Standards to expect such conditions either today or tomorrow. Communications officials said it was possible the interruption would recur at the same time tomorrow.—United Press.

### HMS Sussex Personnel Due For Home Leave

Personnel of HMS Sussex disembarked yesterday from HMS Belfast, on which they had been working since their ship left for Home last January. This marks the beginning of their Home leave.

A detachment of Royal Marines (HMS Sussex) which had been at the Naval Dockyard North Arm and to the accompaniment of their Band, went to their temporary billets before boarding the Dunera, which is due to leave for England on April 18.

Totaling 350 men, the group consists of seamen and engineers only. There were no officers or dependents.

The men arrived here on HMS Sussex last night and will be on leave for 30 days before their next assignment.

Replacements for HMS Belfast arrived by the Dunera yesterday, which brought 900 troops from England.

In charge of the naval personnel aboard the Dunera is Commander W. Elliot (HMS Belfast). About 600 Navy men disembarked here yesterday from the Dunera, plus 300 army, men, and 30 Royal Air Force personnel.

Besides the P. and O. Trooper brought here 270 cabin class passengers.

It was reported that there were three cases of measles.

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## Mihaleff's Death By Misadventure

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at the inquest yesterday into the death of Michael Mihaleff on February 25.

Deceased was found by his wife on the bathroom floor at dawn on that day.

Mrs. Mihaleff, in the witness box, said she and her husband had been happily married for 17 years. There had never been an unharmonious incident between them.

At dawn on February 25 she noticed that her husband was not in bed. On the way to the bathroom she smelt gas in the corridor. The bathroom door was closed but not locked. Gas was seeping from the doorway and she turned it off.

She found her husband on the floor. The widow was six months

ajar. It could have opened when she entered the bathroom.

Mr. MacLaren of the Hong Kong and China Company, said he examined the geyser and found no leaking in the gas tap or pipes.

Other witnesses testified that deceased and his wife had been a very happy couple. Deceased, as far as was known, was in good health.

Dr. Alvares stated that death was due to carbon monoxide poisoning through inhalation.

Mr. Wickes, returning a verdict of death by misadventure, said deceased had been overcome by the gas, fell unconscious and succumbed on the floor.



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Tenders, which may be for all or any of the craft, will not be accepted after noon on Monday, 18th April, 1949.

A. J. DAY,

NAVAL STORE OFFICER.

Marine Department  
Notice No. 11 of 1949VICTORIA HARBOUR  
REMOVAL OF WRECK

An unclaimed and unidentified wreck, of about 280 feet in length, has been discovered in a position approximately 1,500 feet W.N.W. of Lyemun Beacon.

Any person, or persons, who consider they have a claim to this vessel should register a claim, not later than the 25th April, 1949, with the Acting Director of Marine, Marine Office, Connaught Road, Hong Kong.

If no claim are forthcoming, the wreck, which constitutes an obstruction in the waters of the Colony, will be removed in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

N. GARLAND,  
Acting Director of Marine.  
Marine Office,  
Hong Kong, April 8, 1949.

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HONGKONG

THE FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the "Gripps", Hongkong Hotel, on Thursday, 14th April, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

Subject: Reply to the Legislative Council.

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## NOTICE

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

## NOTICE

## UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 26th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

BRITISH LEGION  
HONGKONG & CHINA  
BRANCHANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the British Legion, Hongkong & China Branch, will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel at 5.30 p.m., on Tuesday, 12th April, 1949, by kind permission of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Last year the Annual General Meeting was very poorly attended, and it is hoped that all Members of the British Legion will be present.

## AGENDA

1. Adoption of Accounts.
2. Election of President & Committee.
3. Any other business.

Members are reminded that Subscriptions for 1949 are now due.

Any ex-service men or women who might like to join the British Legion are welcome.

E. J. R. MITCHELL,  
for Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG  
STAGE CLUB

There will be a Casting Meeting for all those interested, both Members and newcomers for the play "QUIET WEEKEND" at THE P.R.O. THEATRE, STATUE SQUARE, DES VOEUX RD. ON WED., 13th April at 8.00 p.m.

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## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

## China's Trouble

Sir,—It is peculiar that while your correspondent "Doo Mo Loo" is prepared to admit that there is a civil war in China, he remains blind to the fact that present day conditions in China are largely due to this civil war.

If your correspondent will read the early history of Great Britain, America and France, he will find that anarchy also existed in the days when these countries were torn asunder with civil strife.

Although Hong Kong is not in the throes of civil strife and has the backing of a powerful Navy, Army and Air Force, not to mention an excellent Police Force, there are certain areas here beyond the limits of the Gloucester and Hong Kong Hotel where garbage is piled high and the filth is such as to make one's stomach turn.

One does not have to visit Shanghai to see quarters huts on the side-walk. There are plenty of quarters huts in Hong Kong and if "Doo Mo Loo" will take the trouble to carry out a careful survey of this Colony, he will find this to be the case. Since "Doo Mo Loo" gives the impression that he is a recent arrival here, I would recommend that he purchase back copies of the "China Mail" in which photographs of the different quarters huts are shown.

As to poor wounded soldiers begging for their existence, this is typical of a defeated Army.

After the fall of Hong Kong in 1941, it was not uncommon to see Allied soldiers in Chinese villages begging for food and protection, which was freely given.

While loud in his condemnation of the corruption in a once beautiful city, the "Paris of the East," your correspondent has overlooked the fact that corruption is rampant in this "Jale of Fragrant Streams"—Britain's remaining Gem in the Far East.

In your correspondent not aware of the fact that the Government Departments in Hong Kong reek with corruption and that while foreigners are not subject to "exploitation" by certain branches of our Civil Service, the average Chinese is, in the majority of cases, called upon to pay through the nose for any concession or benefit which he seeks to obtain from Government.

"Doo Mo Loo" says that Shanghai was offered back to the Powers and refused. After the state whether this offer was confirmed by Nanking, London, Washington, Paris and Moscow?

It has never at any time been suggested that there was more than a handful of foreigners in China. It is my point, therefore, that the more handful of foreigners to China should quit the country and not attempt through malicious propaganda, to incite their respective Governments into forcing another war on China similar to that of the "Opium War" simply because they find the going tough.

## SIMPLE SIMON.

## Who Is The Right Party?

Sir,—Having never professed to know the right party in China to whom the rendering of foreign financial assistance would not be tantamount to pouring money down the drain, it is unreasonable for "Doo Mo Loo" to ask me to name such a party. As to who is doing the corruption in China, "Doo Mo Loo" must have been "all in a whirl" for the last quarter of a century if he cannot even make a guess.

My first letter in the correspondence column was merely to tell "Doo Mo Loo" that his line of thought—sending foreign warships to patrol Chinese territorial waters and re-establishing international concessions in China—is outmoded.

It is up to the nation who is willing to give China financial assistance to find out who the right people are to whom such aid should be given.

My contention was and still is that financial assistance to the present Nanking regime will not achieve the desired result.

## AVENUE JOFFRE.

## Britain's Budget

Sir,—A Hong Kong newspaper headlined a reference to the English budget with the words "Most Courageous Budget Ever Produced". The praise is possibly not too high. It will however make the world wonder if English politicians will in the end be able to stand the unending strain.

The world as a whole and not England is to blame.

Faced by two world catastrophes in 1914 and 1939 respectively, England stepped in for and on behalf of the world, and took upon her own shoulders debts which would not her own debts but debts of the world.

Emerging victorious in the end, the world failed to make the gesture which (so it seems to me) would have restored some of the gold and securities necessary for immediate continued existence.

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## Pakistan Protest

Sir,—On behalf of the Pakistan team, I wish it to be made known that we intend to withdraw our protest in connection with the International Series final played and which resulted in 7-6 count in favour of Portugal.

Please let it be known that we are convinced that no bad sportsmanship is involved in our protest. Our intention to withdraw is not to muzzle prejudiced observations of our case. Neither is it because we feel that our protest is not going too well—it's been twice heard by the Association General Committee—and will in all probability be rejected. All that is furthest from our mind.

However, if any interested party were to tell us that we have been guilty of unportmanship for one reason or another in protesting, please let it be known we are prepared to pursue the case to its very hilt. But, do not for a moment think we are defying anyone. We may be the underdogs in softball, being in the minority, but we refuse to be pushed around.

In the official Rules of Softball of the International Joint Rules Committee (of Detroit, U.S.A.), which local competitions adhere to, in addition to others set out by the Hong Kong association, specific sections are laid down to cover protests. Our protest is under Section 7, Rule 33 i.e. that Portugal fielded an ineligible player in the game in question. Registration was asked for the International Series. Both teams should have observed them. If one didn't it should take the consequences.

A game was played and Portugal beat Pakistan. What caused all the unprecedented absence of leading players from both squads is wondered at but that should not matter. No effort is made, either, to point a finger of blame at anybody. Pakistan

wanted only a replay, but it's out of the question according to the rules. Forcible, if the protest is upheld, will be the only answer. Pakistan have no stomach for such a victory.

So—Portugal won the final played. They should have the pennant with our compliments. We wish to congratulate them for having won the shield at last. If all these things had not arisen, your victory, Portugal, would have been more satisfying. As it is, it's a job well done.

Opportunity is taken to thank "Grandstand," your softball writer, for his fair and knowledgeable "treatment" of our protest.

## LIFE IN KOWLOON

Around the Tsimshatsui area, apartment buildings and private hotels are going up almost as quickly as you can count them. What was a few months ago a junk heap of the war's aftermath, is today a shining example of the Colony's speedy recuperation from her ills. In this case, her housing. The buildings are varied in architecture.

If an old resident of Kowloon Tong were to revisit that "garden city" he would not believe his eyes.

The prototype buildings that once characterised Kowloon Tong have given way to modern constructions. On the once vacant huge lot at the end of Kowloon Tong, on the right side of Waterloo Road, construction companies are busily at work starting from the bus terminus and continuing, the whole mile stretch to Christ Church. Even Kowloon Tong, is donning the new look of modern living!

Talking about buildings, the Hong Kong Telephone Company's Kowloon premises at Nathan Road, near Cameron Road, has now shot up to its 13th floor. This will alter the appearance of Kowloon indeed when this skyscraper, which will challenge anything Hong Kong has to offer, reaches its 15th storey at completion.

Kowloon's famous "Flower Street" may have traditions and all that, but Kowloon's is having its grand beginning. The flower street in Kowloon is situated in the lane leading from Nathan Road (by Haliphong Road) into Winglock Street.

Kowloon's flower street is proving just as busy as Hong Kong's. Every morning cheery housewives along the flower covered stall along the lane selecting blooms.

Another cinema theatre is about to be opened in Kowloon. It is the new Broadway Theatre, situated at the junction of Argyle Street and Nathan Road in Mongkok, near the Kowloon branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. The theatre is to run first release films.

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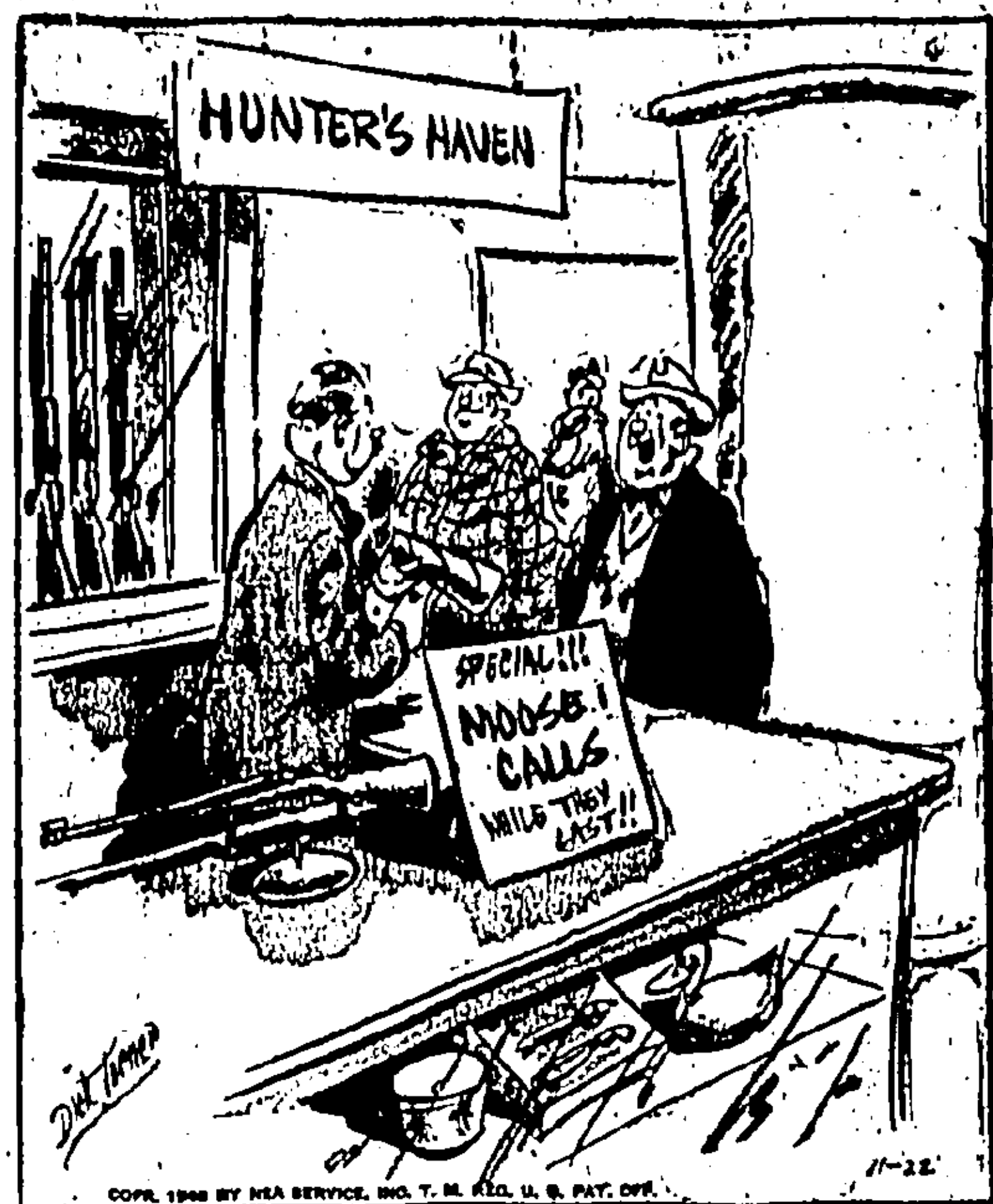
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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You got one that sounds like a hussy?"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

PLACING HIGH CARDS—After early play has shown that the non-opening defender is the holder of a high card or cards, leaving barely enough to justify the bid made by his partner, the declarer should count that blunder as having any particular high card still unseen. Plotting his course according to such inferred knowledge, he may devise an entirely different scheme of action from that used by the careless chap who would not make such deductions before committing himself to a fixed itinerary.

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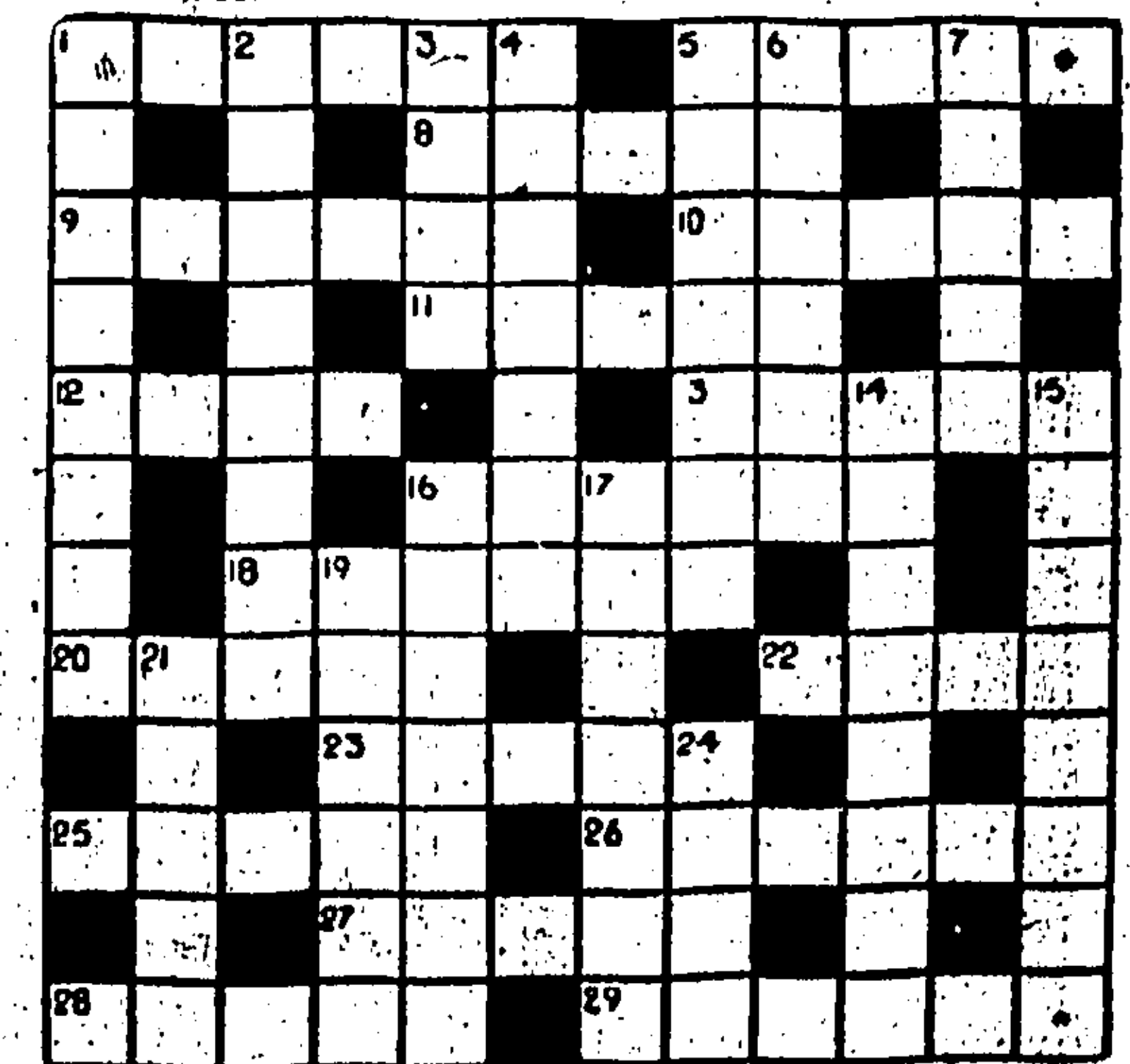
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## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1 Method. 18 Chief.  
5 Address to a lady. 20 Checks.  
8 Evil spirit. 22 Volcano.  
9 Stringed instrument. 23 Moral.  
10 Record. 24 Musical work.  
11 Musical note. 26 Healing.  
12 Periods. 27 Large.  
13 Revolves. 28 Avarice.  
18 Remove. 29 Deliculous drink.

Down  
1 Proposes. 14 Limit.  
2 Fitting. 15 Foreigner.  
3 Cheese. 16 Coward.  
4 Deserved. 17 Bird.  
5 Warship. 19 Come out.  
6 Preliminary. 21 Slender.  
7 Pale. 24 Shrewd.

Yesterday's Crossword  
Across: 1. Grog; 2. Break; 3. Dial; 4. Seed; 5. Educate; 6. Yarn; 7. Arena; 8. Grip; 9. Treat; 10. Amies; 11. Boer; 12. Emerald; 13. Diver; 14. Essay; 15. Germ; 16. Down; 17. Trade; 18. Laid; 19. Green; 20. Eddy; 21. Pail; 22. Ship; 23. Arise; 24. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.



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## Village Elder Charged With Bribery Offer

A 75-year-old elder of Tai Po Village was charged at Kowloon yesterday with corruptly offering a bribe to Dr. P. M. van der Linde. Tang Fung-sung, chairman of the Tai Po Chinese Chamber of Commerce, prominent citizen and village elder, was defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and the prosecution was conducted by Assistant Superintendent of Police J. Moore.

The prosecution's case was that on October 13, 1948, a man named Tan Woon-kai of Tai Po Village, applied to the District Officer, Tai Po for a licence to commence the Greenville Amusement Park on lots numbers 183 and 184 in D.D.6.

Before the applicant approached the D. O. a health inspector went to the site and examined the premises. He reported his examination to the Health Officer and later a letter containing 11 health requirements was forwarded to the applicant by Dr. P. M. van der Linde.

Then on October 13, the applicant applied for a licence to open a boarding house within the amusement park. Health examinations were once more conducted and while examining the premises, health officers noticed that former health requirements had not yet been complied with by the applicant.

On the same day, defendant visited the Doctor at the latter's home.

Defendant asked the doctor if they could talk in private. They went into the doctor's study and at once defendant asked what was the amusement park's position. He was told that until the health requirements were approved, no licence would be issued.

### Present Refused

Defendant then said that his kinsmen wished to give the doctor a gift for Christmas. This was immediately refused by the doctor who told defendant that it is forbidden. Pressing the matter, defendant again offered to buy the doctor a present. Finally he said he would like to buy something for the doctor's two children.

Dr. van der Linde then told the defendant that he had considerable difficulty over the amusement park and that the defendant's offer, apart from being illegal, would only hinder his kinsmen from opening the park. The defendant then left the room.

They went into the sitting room where Mrs. van der Linde was having tea with a lady guest. In the room while the doctor's back was turned defendant took out from his pocket two \$500

notes and put them into the hands of the doctor's two children who were sitting nearby.

The doctor turned and saw this and immediately took the money from his children and gave them back to defendant. He then hustled defendant from the house. The prosecution also said that defendant had three small pieces of land in the amusement park. These lands were leased to the applicant for \$300 a month.

### First Visit

The doctor said that the visit was the defendant's first since he had known him in 1947.

He admitted that defendant was very helpful to the government and that in 1947 defendant was chosen as chairman of a health committee to aid his office in fulfilling health requirements at Tai Po.

In the witness box, defendant admitted that he had visited the doctor but said their talk was about some members of the health committee who wished to resign. He said that he was not a bit interested in the amusement park since his only connection with its owner was leasing of three small pieces of land.

After hearing the evidence given by the prosecution and the defence, Mr. Blair-Kerr said that he was going to take the unusual course of discharging the defendant with a caution.

He said that it was apparent from the evidence that the defendant was a very much respected personality and his record of public service has been emphasized continually throughout the case.

The fact that a conviction was recorded must in itself be an adequate punishment.

## JUNK WITH TWO CANNONS

A junk stopped by the police had two old cannons mounted on it. Inspector J. Orem told the court that formerly this was permissible but there has since been an alteration to the Ordinance.

He suggested that the cannons be held and that defendant, who was altogether innocent, be discharged. This was granted by Mr. J. Wicks.

## New Splendour Seen Along Nathan Road

Kowloon's shopping centre, busiest along the first mile of Nathan Road, has recently been displaying a new splendour.

Shopping establishments of various descriptions have sprung up in the Tsimshatsui district, displaying high grade articles providing the shoppers with a very large choice.

The first to lead in window display are the famous Kowloon "silk stores." Cotton material of dazzling patterns seen to be the vogue among women as well as men.

The old single tone coloured shirts that Hong Kong men have been wearing, now seem to be going out. This summer, it will not be uncommon to see men clothed in a striking variety of colours. Yes, the men are threatening to encroach on women's monopoly over "brightness," to what success, you will soon see for yourself when they parade in mustard-coloured linen shirts, matched—or unmatched depending upon your sense of blending—with bright blue slacks. This combination may also be in pink, green, orange or even purple.

### Bathing Suits

Judging by the display in Kowloon's shops of women's bathing suits, it seems that this year's costumes will look more like the things that can be safely swum in. They nevertheless will, as ever, make the men's swimming on a public beach rather difficult.

Do you usually get into a frenzy about what to buy for presents?

For children's toys visit the National Toy Company at 220 Nathan Road. You will find there all your requirements, and costs are low.

Here you will find toys to suit all ages. There are birthday cards, with appropriate inscriptions, paper-doll sets and mamma dolls for Judy, guns, soldiers and trains for Harry or Tom. There is also a fair collection of books, thrilling school-boy adventures, stories for girls, etc.

Items suitable for the nursery are also in fair numbers. Equally so in the Sunny Company at 90 Nathan Road. This place will be extremely convenient for residents along the Kimberley-Carnarvon-Cameron-Mody Road district.

### For Cold Drinks

Cold drinks will soon be in constant demand and therefore consider to serve them in should be just as important as the thirst quenchers.

At the Evergreen—the junction of Nathan and Jordan Road—there is a varied assortment of colourful tumblers, ideal for serving in outdoor social such as luncheon parties, summer houses and bathing sheds.

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With Easter just around the corner, the traditional symbol, the Easter Egg, is featured in many Nathan Road shops.

The "Chanticleer" at 178 Nathan Road, is a good place to visit for your eggs and chocolate moulds.

A few shops away, in the "Cherliff Baker" also an ideal place to make such purchases. Chocolate moulds in many interesting forms will give your table that cheerful appearance on Easter morning.

### Teen Aged

For teen aged, ever bent upon something unique, unimpaired of its conspicuousness, "Powah Company" at 174 Nathan Road—near St. Andrew's Church—has it.

This is in the form of handkerchief, for teen aged girls only, and definitely not meant for the nose—that come in exciting prints, depicting typical (whatever is typical about teen aged), scenes of teen life. These handkerchiefs, cost very much and will be ideal as a casual gift by a teen boy friend.

Popular among men, flit dress and have a weakness for ties, are the new tie clips. These come in shape of a sword or Oriental sabre and cost not more than \$15.

Tie clips will provide an excellent gift to your favourite beau. If he doesn't wear one, he soon will.

For a housewife desiring a change of cheese for the breakfast table, The Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, has something to offer. This is their "Blue Cheese" (Danish) that sells for \$4.50 a pound. The Dairy Farm also offers "Victory" brand evaporated milk for \$1.05 a tin, and "Oak" brand, full cream powdered milk that sells for \$1.00 a tin. Ask for these items from the Dairy Farm the next time your cheese and tinned milk stock runs out.

## DIAMOND HILL STORE CASE

Dates have been fixed for the hearing of the Diamond Hill Store armed robbery last month.

More than 10 persons are being charged in connection with the robbery, with taking part, wounding, and receiving stolen goods. The case will come before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon on the afternoons of April 20, 21, and 22.

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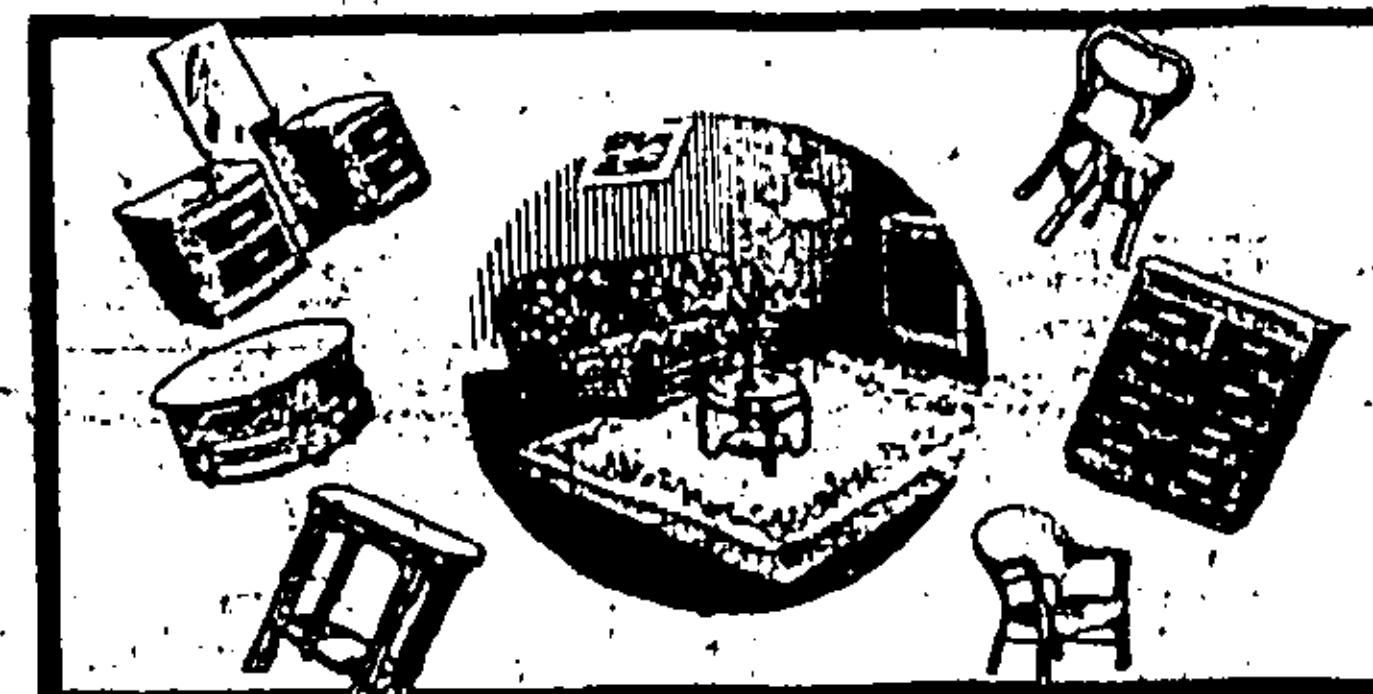
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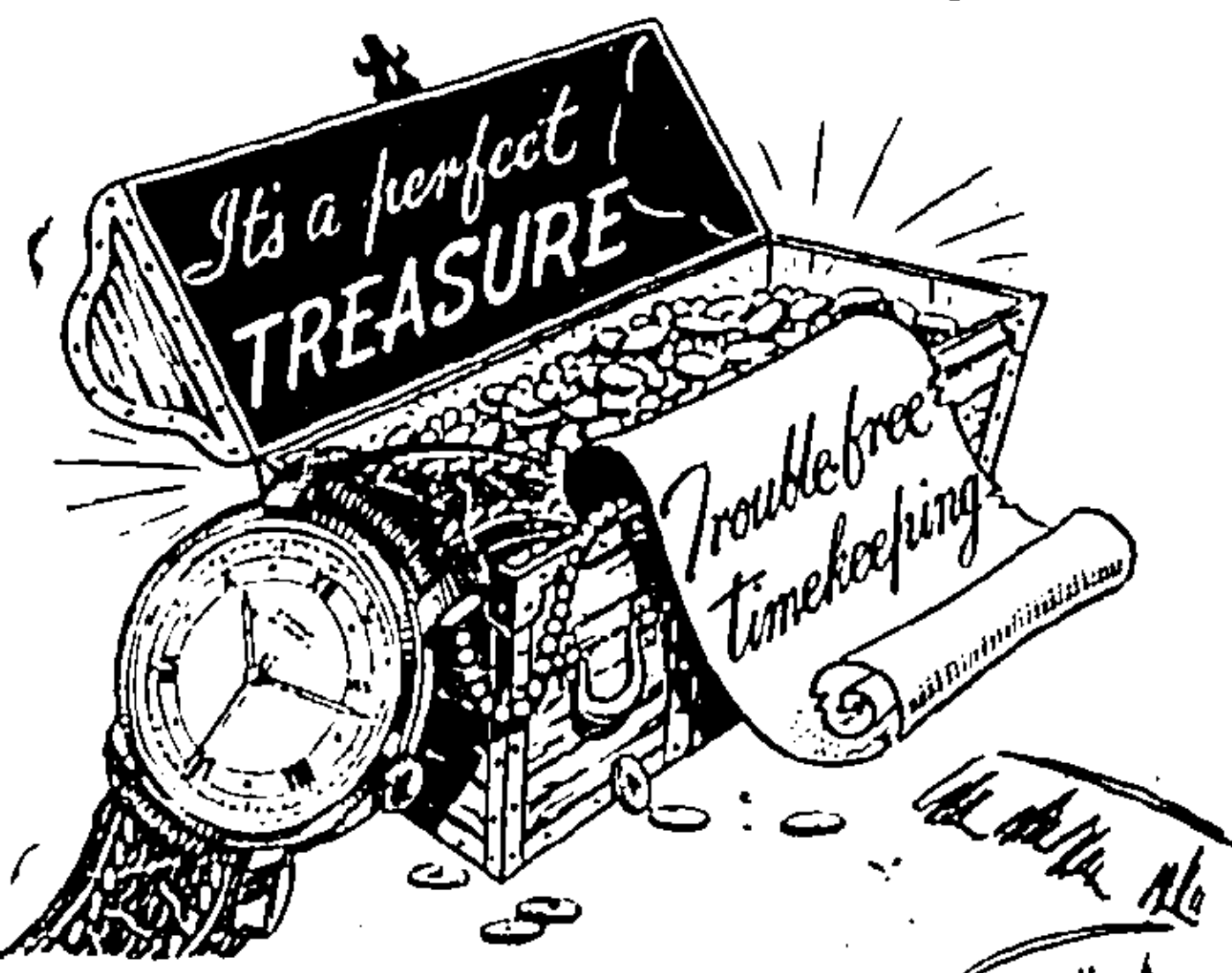
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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## Easter Race Meeting,

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There are twelve races each day. The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon each day. The fifteen minute interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through Numbers (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantao Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantao Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all shifts etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's office will close at 10 a.m. each day.

Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 3 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, the men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discretion. Passes are not to be used on the premises. Holders of passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through to their ladies and must remain in their assigned places.

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## NEW BOOK: CHINA CHANGED MY MIND

New York, April 11.

A refreshingly new editorial look at China is being offered to American book buyers in "China Changed My Mind."

It is a description of wartime China as it looked to a Friends' Ambulance Service driver who did not meet any of China's leaders or visit the Communist areas, and who makes no pretence of knowing the answer to China's troubles.

## U.S. ARMED HELP BEST INSURANCE

New York, April 10.

Military assistance from the United States is the best international insurance against the threat of aggression, General Walter Bedell Smith, former American Ambassador to Moscow, said here last night. General Smith was addressing a crowd of 2,000 at an Army Day dinner.

The "New York Times" said that as his speech was reviewed in Washington before delivery, it was regarded as an expression of United States policy in the international field.

"It is impossible to escape the conclusion that the Soviet Union seems bent upon hastening what it considers to be the inevitable triumph of Communism throughout the world," General Smith said.

"It has already engulfed some of its small neighbours, and elsewhere it appears to seek economic anaemia and political strife that will bring about chaos and revolutionary conditions necessary for the spread of its doctrines," General Smith continued.

"Meanwhile, it is poised behind its iron curtain with a formidable military entity, preying on the fears of the free peoples of Europe."

"Confronted with such a situation, it is difficult to visualise the peoples of Western Europe taking any action other than to group themselves together for mutual defence," General Smith concluded.—Reuter.

## Thanks From Austria

Vienna, April 11.

The Austrian Foreign Minister, Karl Gruber, told the three Western Powers that their decision to renounce claims on German assets in Germany was a considerable step forward toward the conclusion of the Austrian peace treaty.

Gruber sent identical cables to Washington, London and Paris, in which he hailed the claims of renouncement as another valid proof of the Western Powers' goodwill which aims to set up a free and independent Austria.

He said the Austrian government felt deep gratitude for the decision which offered the hope that full sovereignty may soon be realised.—United Press.

The author, David Morris, was an English conscientious objector. His experiences in China caused him to change his views and enlist for military duty. His book is an American republication, first published in Britain last year.

His truck-driver's view convinced Morris that Chiang Kai-shek's government was, indeed, a dictatorship employing secret police, imprisonment without trial and spies, "but it was a very Chinese form of dictatorship, quite unlike the ruthless, soul-destroying machine of Nazi Germany, he says. Its very inefficiency rendered it benevolent and made its orders liable to generous and varied interpretations in towns which were many days' journey from Chungking."

## U.S. Criticism

Anglo-American criticism of China's war effort after Pearl Harbor, Morris believes, was ungenerous to an ally who had fought the Japanese when Britain and America were building up the Japanese supplies of armaments and oil.

The really bad things about the Chinese Army were seldom discussed, and, if they had been more fully reported at the time it might have helped the Western Allies to understand the difficulties under which the Chinese Army managed to keep in existence.

But they did far more, they contained a quarter of the whole Japanese Army, a million men who might have landed in North Australia or burst through to the Indian plans at Imphal.

"When China had recovered from demoralisation and was again fighting in North Burma and South East China, her appeals for help were met with the reply that China was one big racket from start to finish, that supplies given to her were sold or stored for future civil war, that China's war effort was a joke."

"The Chinese may be good or bad but they are not fools. They could hardly fail to notice that the West spoke falsely of China when the West needed China most."—United Press.

## CHINESE ARMY DESERTERS

Rangoon, April 11.

Two thousand Chinese Army deserters have crossed the border into Burma, according to a Burmese Army spokesman.

Speaking over the radio last night, he said they have burnt several villages in the Southern Shan State of Kungtung, Burma. It was officially announced that Karen rebels are retreating from Mandalay toward their headquarters at Toungoo, half way to Rangoon.

The Government said its troops are in pursuit and other Government forces are preparing to meet the retreating Karens above Toungoo.—Associated Press.

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## SABOTAGE CAUSED RAIL DISASTER

Benares, April 10.

Ten were killed and about 40 injured—seven of them seriously—when the Punjab express was derailed through sabotage two miles from Benares this morning.

Medical aid was rushed to the injured, most of whom were taken to hospital. A statement issued by the Divisional Superintendent of the East Indian Railway said one rail had been removed from the track. One coach was completely smashed and three others overturned. The police have opened an investigation.—Reuter.

## Dockers To Strike In London

London, April 10.

Seven thousand dock workers will strike in London tomorrow in protest against the dismissal of 33 men; a spokesman of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union stated tonight.

The decision to stop work was taken at a meeting of 2,000 dockers in London this afternoon. The dockers who attended today's meeting were urged to take strike action by the union's Executive in view of the union's non-acceptance of the principle of redundancy.

Mr. R. Barker, General Secretary of the union, told Reuter that several of the men dismissed are members of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union. Asked whether that union will join the strike, he replied: "We will leave it to their conscience."

The Dock Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union tonight, however, advised all London members not to strike.—Reuter.

## GRENADE INCIDENT IN IPOH

Singapore, April 10.

Five were injured when an unidentified Chinese today threw two hand grenades at a Malayan Chinese meeting in Ipoh, in Perak.

One grenade seriously injured Tan Cheng-lock, leader of Straits Chinese and member of the Sino-Malaya Chinese Mining Association.

The other grenade was quickly picked up and made harmless by a European sergeant present.

Police fired at the assailant, who escaped on a bicycle.

Four others were wounded. Tan Cheng-lock's condition after an operation, is satisfactory. He was addressing a meeting of about 200 members of the Perak branch of the Malayan Chinese Association in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce building, when the hand grenades were thrown.

The Association was recently formed to encourage Chinese citizens to resist Communist terrorism.

Tan Cheng-lock was formerly President of the All-Malayan Council of Joint Action which disbanded upon the outbreak of the present emergency, and which formerly included Left Wing groups.—Reuter.

## HE WAS JOLLY WELL RIGHT

Margate, England, April 11.

County Judge A. F. Clements ruled here that fried kippers and gorgonzola cheese are no proper breakfast for a two-year-old baby.

The Judicial finding grew out of a suit of a hotel proprietor who tried to collect from a man who moved out before staying an agreed time.

He moved, said the man, because there was nothing but cheese and kippers for the baby, and the court said he was jolly well right.—Associated Press.

## Bomb Monopoly Is No Defence

Brisbane, April 11.

An Australian population expert warns that the West's monopoly of the atom bomb is no sure defence in the light of Russia's manpower potential.

Colin Clark, Australian authority writing in "Economic News," points out that Soviet manpower in 1950 will outnumber the combined forces of the United States, Great Britain and her Dominions, the Low Countries and Scandinavia.

"As soon as the knowledge of new weapons has spread so that no one nation has the advantage of them, we come back again to the classic elements of military potential—the number of men available for military service and the nation's ability to feed, transport and equip them," Clark said.

The greater the destruction of nations by modern weapons, he stated, the greater the resources need to carry on a war at all.

He attributed the widening population gap between East and West to Russia's 1939 decrees encouraging increased birth rate, a step which he believes will ultimately affect the rest of the world more than any other Soviet policy.

## STRATOCRUISERS FOR BOAC

London, April 10.

Negotiations by the British Overseas Airways Corporation to buy four Boeing stratocruiser aircraft from Sweden are almost complete, Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman-designate, and Sir Harold Hartley, Chairman of the Corporation, intimated this when they arrived at Northolt Airport today from Stockholm.

Asked if payment will be made in sterling or dollars, Sir Miles said: "In sterling, I hope." He said the deal is a pretty big one involving about 40 million kroner.

"We are negotiating for these aircraft in the face of other keen buyers," he added.—Reuter.

## Princess Margaret Goes A-Hunting



This picture was taken when Princess Margaret, who was staying with the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort at Badminton, Gloucestershire, rode to hounds with the Duke's pack. This is the first time the Princess has joined a fox-hunt. (AP Photo).

## Japanese Warned To Think Twice

Tokyo, April 10.

The metropolitan daily, "Nichi-Nichi," in an editorial today, said that Japanese better think twice before eventually joining the United Nations if they really want to stay neutral.

The paper also warned that the Japanese as a people might prove emotionally too unstable to achieve permanent neutrality and stay out of wars.

The paper pointed out that about one month ago, General Douglas MacArthur in an interview said that Japan's role is to become a kind of "Switzerland of the Pacific."

Switzerland, the editorial said, joined the League of Nations after World War I but first on the condition that she would not participate in military sanctions and later on an additional condition that she would not participate even in economic sanctions.

"The United Nations today is composed of 59 member nations but Switzerland's name is not found in the list," the editorial said.

The paper cited recent frequent mentions in the Japanese legislature of statements indicating anxiety on the part of many Japanese to expedite the peace treaty.

At the same time, it said, many Japanese seem to think that when a peace treaty is signed Japan will be automatically enrolled in the United Nations.

## No Easy Path

"Even if we are to join the United Nations we should do so after much thoughtful consideration," the editorial said.

Another section of the editorial said: "People of a neutral country have to kill their political emotions."

"Reliance of a neutral country

## BONNET BACK IN PARIS

Paris, April 11.  
M. Henri Bonnet, the French Ambassador to the United States, arrived here today by air from New York on what the French Foreign Office described as an unofficial visit.—Reuter.

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# PALM SUNDAY TRAGEDY IN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marion, South Dakota, April 10.  
A but one gas explosion shattered the little St. Mary's Catholic Church just before the 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass today, killing at least six worshippers and injuring more than 40.

A witness said the blast was touched off as two altar boys struck matches to light the altar candles for the Mass.

An investigation showed that the small brick church was full of gas from a cellar furnace leak and that any spark could have touched off an explosion.

The church's shingle roof was lifted in the air and collapsed onto pews bucking in the middle. The heavy walls trembled crazily, some falling inward and some outward.

Six persons were counted dead in the first few hours after the blast and a crowd of 30 workers dug through the debris for possible additional victims. About 10 of the injured were in serious condition. The roof was dragged away quickly with bulldozers, however, and searchers believe that no more victims will be found.

Column Of Smoke  
Some 30 injured worshippers were rushed to hospitals in nearby Sioux Falls, Yankton and Mitchell, South Dakota. In addition, Dr. W. E. Helb said that about a dozen other persons were treated for minor injuries at their homes here. Neighbors came running up to help the trapped and screaming worshippers. They said they came stumbling out of the church blackened from the blast. Most of the dead were struck down at the doorway.

Amelia Stubbe, who lives across the street, and other witnesses told of seeing a great column of smoke and dust arise from the church before it collapsed. There was no fire. The neighbors moved into the wreckage to free those caught under the roof until it was removed.

The injured were stretched out in front of the church until ambulances arrived. Dr. Henry Berthel said he pulled out three dead, including a woman, who expired as he was lifting her into the truck to be taken to hospital.

Reverend Father Joseph Zimmerman was putting on his vestments and parishioners were hurrying from the clear sunlight of Palm Sunday into the dim church and not long afterward the blast occurred.

The postmaster, W. W. Brady, said he was sitting in the front pew and the "place blew up" just as the altar boys lit matches. It is believed that the boys, Bobby Lounsbury, 10, and Kenneth Wagner, 13, are among the injured.

Brady and his wife were injured and taken to a Mitchell hospital. Father Zimmerman suffered a leg injury and possible broken ribs and was taken to a Patch house nearby.

Leak In Furnace  
The Red Cross set up relief headquarters and Bishop William Brady of Sioux Falls rushed with aides to the scene to help. The

Investigators said they had determined that there was a leak in the furnace heating furnace room in the building. They said: "Anything could have touched it off."

The heating plant had been turned on to drive off the morning chill in the church. Brady said that no one in the church appeared to notice the presence of the gas.—United Press.

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## NO WEAK LINK IN TITOLAND

Belgrade, April 10.  
M. Lazar Kolichevski, President of the Government of the Yugoslav Federal Republic of Macedonia, said here today that those who think that Macedonia is a weak link in the Federal chain are wrong.

"There are no weak spots in Yugoslavia," he declared. Addressing the third Yugoslav People's Front Congress, before which Marshal Tito spoke yesterday, M. Kolichevski said that the call for a united and independent Macedonia within a Balkan federation was spread by "Bulgarian imperialists." These hoped to further their own ends in the struggle between the Cominform and Yugoslavia.

"The leaders of Bulgaria attempt to use the Congress of the Greek Macedonians in their campaign of calumnies against Yugoslavia to weaken the immense authority Yugoslav Macedonia enjoys as a base for a future united Macedonia with both the Macedonians of Greece and of the Balkan Macedonia area of Bulgaria," M. Kolichevski said.

"Speculations about a united and independent Macedonia at this hour," he concluded, "would only mean trifling with the aspirations and feelings of our Macedonian brothers in Greece and all Macedonians everywhere."—Reuter.

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## Bodies Found On Rail Line

Glasgow, April 10.  
The bodies of two Scotsmen, who were travelling on the night train from Glasgow to see the Scotland versus England soccer international at Wembley, were found on the railway line at Cumnock, Ayrshire, today.

Another man, who was taken off the train at Cumnock, told the police that he knew the two men were on the roof, but searchers failed to find them. Earlier, the train was twice delayed—once when a man was found riding on the buffers, and again when a man was found on the foot-board.

At Cumnock Court today, when Stephen Mally, aged 22, was fined £2 for riding on the buffers of the train, the chairman of the court told him that his action disorganised the whole railway system between Glasgow and London.—Reuter.

## Mr. Jones May Attend Meeting

Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, April 11.  
The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, may attend talks here tomorrow on the federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland into the proposed new entity of "Capricornia."

It is learned reliably that Sir Godfrey Huggins, the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, is due by air tomorrow. Mr. Roy Welensky, leader of the unofficial (elected) group of the Members of the Northern Rhodesia Legislative Council, would represent that colony.

No confirmation that such talks would be held was available from official sources, but Mr. Creech Jones has been holding talks with the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council here since Thursday.

The formation of "Capricornia" was mooted at an unofficial conference of the three Territories held at Victoria Falls, Southern Rhodesia, in February. The name was chosen because all the Territories lie between the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn.—Reuter.

## JAP FISHING VILLAGE BRIDGES A CENTURY

Shimoda, April 11.  
This sleepy fishing village sprang alive for an instant yesterday to bridge a century. It awoke to renewed American pledges to fight Communism in Japan and throughout the world. It heard American officials warn that the Allied occupation should be judged by its results, not the words of certain propagandists.

In 1853—on the first occasion of this sort—the talk was of trade and the strange new modernity which was to topple a medieval era.

In the picturesque blue green lagoon yesterday, an American destroyer rode easily. It came to commemorate the first American landing—made by men from Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry's "black ships," who broke Japan's medieval cocoon of isolation.

For this 100th commemorative ceremony, William J. Sebald, American member of the Allied Council and SCAP's diplomatic chief, said:

"The same forces that demanded the emergence of Japan into association with the rest of the world a century ago today, require that the people and country be reconstituted to fulfill a useful role as a self-reliant, responsible, and peace-loving state."

He added: "You may be sure that it (the United States) will combat that thing called Communism wherever it raises its ugly head in disruption of peace endeavours."

Mr. Sebald's speech was read to Japanese gathered for the event by C. K. Huston, deputy chief of the Diplomatic Section.

Not Vengeful  
In it the diplomatic chief dismissed propaganda attacks on the occupation as "malicious nonsense." He told the Japanese to look at the record, for proof that "American are not a vengeful people."

Reverend Admiral J. P. Womble, Commander of Support Group, Naval Forces in the Far East, reminded the audience that the treaty signed by Commodore Perry and Japanese officials in 1854 called for a "perfect, permanent and universal peace and a sincere and cordial amity" between the United States and Japan. He termed the revival of the "black ship festivals," which were disrupted by the war, a re-dedication to this purpose.

Yesterday the Japanese wore frock coats and listened intently to the speeches. When Commodore Perry arrived, he was met by two sword samurai (professional warriors) who tried to entice his sailors into suicide contests.—Associated Press.

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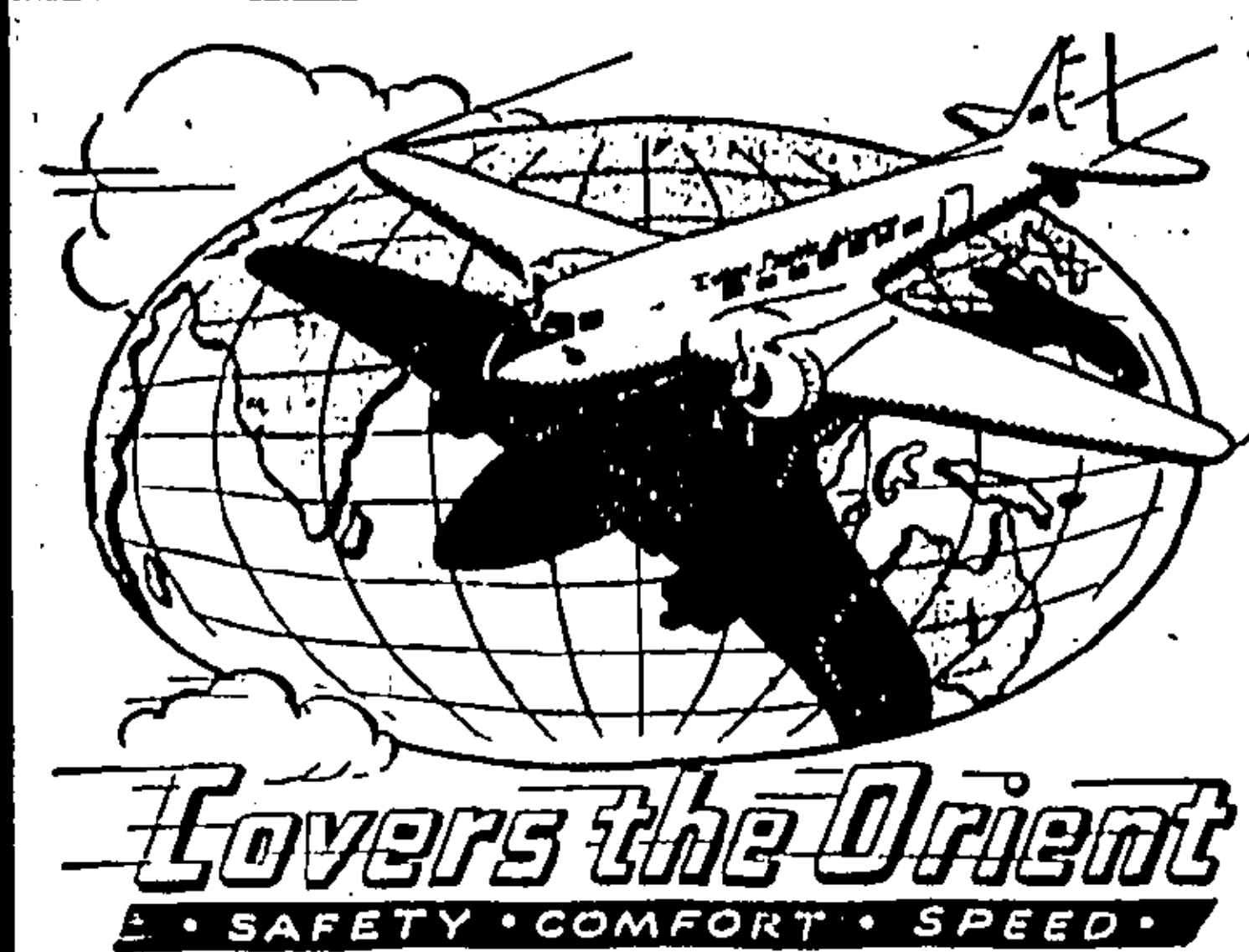
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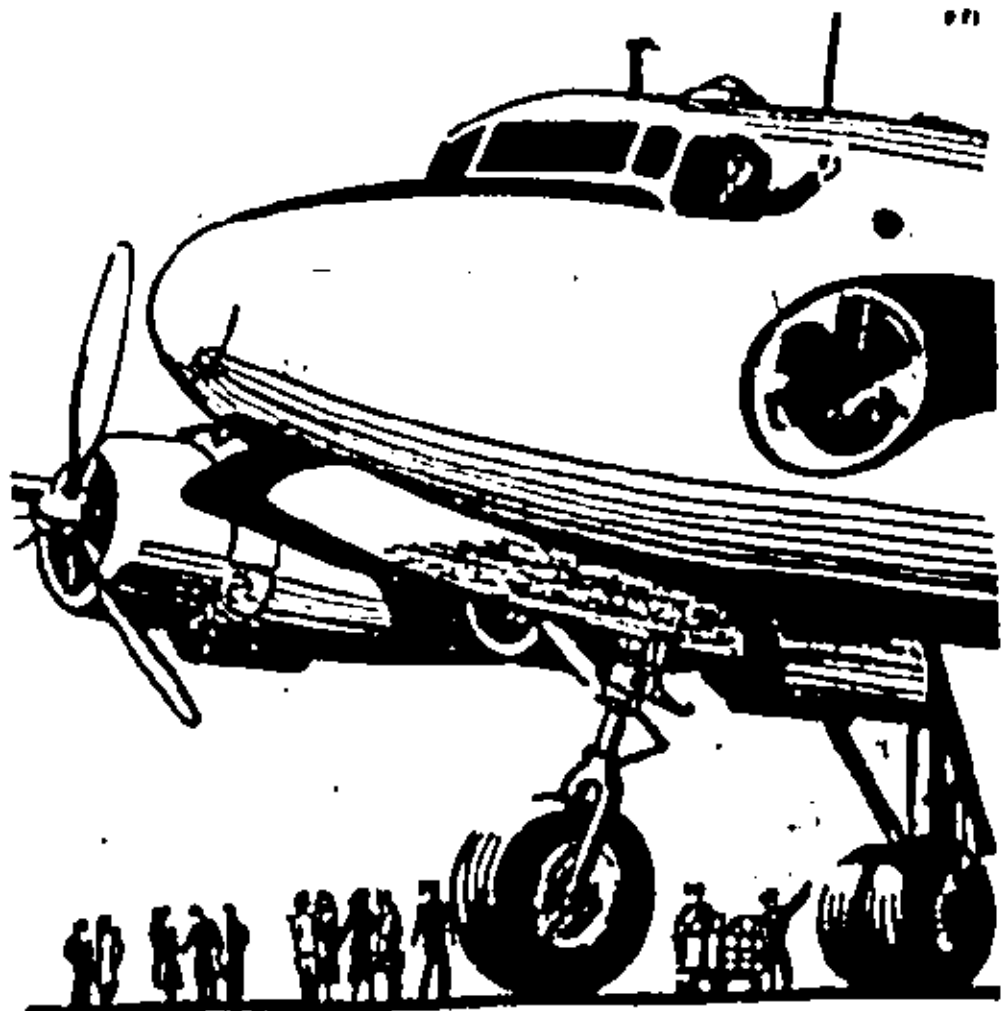
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### BIRTH

FUNG—At the Hong Kong  
Sanatorium, on April 11,  
1949, to Mr. & Mrs. H. L.  
Fung, a daughter.

### SHIPBUILDING

Judging by recent reports,  
although there has not been  
a revival of Hong Kong's  
shipbuilding industry, our  
maintenance and repair ser-  
vices compare—at least in  
quality and cost—favourably  
with any other port in the  
world. This in spite of the  
greatly increased labour  
charges and the scarcity of  
material.

In Britain, overall costs are  
250 per cent higher than be-  
fore the war, but despite this  
fact the yards at Home are  
turning out considerably  
more vessels than the rest of  
the world put together.  
America, despite prices that  
would have seemed fantastic  
10 years ago, has ambitious  
plans, mostly on the line of  
luxury liners, although many  
of her tramp steamers are  
temporarily out of use.

It is now being suggested  
that Germany is hoping in  
the near future to see her  
yards in full operation again.  
Expectations are perhaps  
higher than at any time since  
the end of the war, when the  
occupying powers laid down  
that the defeated nation  
could build no ships more  
than 1,500 gross tons or with  
a greater speed than 12  
knots.

These restrictions were de-  
signed to prevent Germany  
from building a new navy,  
and to reduce her peacetime  
output of U boats and sur-  
face warships.

But now the Germans say  
they should build their own  
ocean-going vessels to carry  
food and raw materials, earn  
and save large sums of for-  
eign currency, and greatly  
reduce the present cost to  
the Allies. These arguments  
have a powerful appeal to  
the American government,  
whose taxpayers are provid-  
ing enormous sums to put  
Germany back on her feet;  
and in view of the powerful  
economic pressure the U.S.  
can bring, it may be that  
post-war restrictions will  
shortly be altered.

To Britain the argument  
understandably seems dan-  
gerous. British ships are  
valuable earners of foreign  
currency, and a revival of  
German shipping would hit  
Britain's recovery. The U.K.,  
too, has had to fight a de-  
perate ocean struggle for  
survival in two world wars,  
and is not anxious to open  
the way to the building of  
a third, German navy, with  
even more dangerous U  
boats.

At the moment German  
shipbuilders are handicapped  
by outmoded equipment,  
bomb damage and the diffi-  
culty of raising loans. They  
have, however, kept as many  
as possible of their skilled  
workmen, to enable work to  
be resumed at top capacity  
as soon as restrictions are  
lifted. They work longer  
hours and their rate of day  
is only about half of the Brit-  
ish counterpart. In some  
cases firms in Hamburg, etc.  
will accept very small profits  
to maintain a flow of work.  
Recently a German firm  
offered to do repair work on  
some Indian ships in 10 days  
for £2,400. The best British  
tender was 23 days and  
£4,200.

There can, as we have said,  
be little doubt that Ameri-  
can pressure will be brought  
to remove gradually the bar-  
riers at present in force

Arms linked together, the cele-  
brants would head for the pre-  
sident's house, to stand swaying  
under his bedroom window, chant-  
ing in chorus, "Well rowed, the  
Prize."

Wholly aside from his literary  
interests, President Varron's cor-  
pulence would have removed him  
from any conceivable athletic con-  
nection; nevertheless, all through  
the night little bands of under-  
graduates would devote to pay the  
president this dubious compliment.  
As the following sample from my  
diary shows, Oxford swiftly  
opened up a new world:—

"Dined at Leander at Henley,  
leaving at 10.15 again after a  
most cheery meal and got in at  
11.15. Some men, D— among  
them, ragged us in their car the  
whole way back, and A— dealt  
with them near Magdalen  
Bridge. Later he fought D—  
I knocked him out and it was  
the finest summary justice I've  
ever seen. Bed at 12.30."

It is a characteristic of college  
memories that the hell-raising  
side, in moments of reminiscence  
momentarily over-shadows the  
daily plodding dreariness which I  
always associated with study.  
Oxford is a serious place and  
the truth is that my Oxford days,  
by and large, were sober, tranquil,  
and studious. And my spare time  
was given to football, punting on  
the River Cherwell, and long bird  
walks.

### Two Trips

Best of all, I formed new friend-  
ships, which compensated in part  
for the uprooted attachments of  
Naval College.

And if I made no "firsts" I  
studied hard.

My mother often came to see  
me at Oxford and loved to poke  
around the historic corners and  
attractive gardens of the ancient  
colleges, and in the course of many  
visits primed and fussed my  
rooms into a state of cosiness.

My Oxford routine was inter-  
rupted in 1913 by two trips to Ger-  
many, the first in the spring, the  
second in the summer.

As in France, I travelled with a  
party of three—Major Cadogan,  
my German tutor, the learned Dr.  
Fiedler, and Finch.

The purpose of the trip was to  
improve my German and teach me  
something about those vigorous  
people whose blood flowed strongly  
in my own veins.

Though the first World War  
started barely a year later, I must  
confess that as a tourist I never  
sensed the approaching catas-  
trophe.

### William II.

The Germany of my student  
days echoed with work and song,  
and I judged it to be inhabited by  
the kindest people in all Europe.

One reason why I felt that way,  
of course, was that the numerous  
smaller German courts were filled  
with uncles and cousins and aunts,  
all of whom welcomed me.

At Stuttgart I spent some weeks  
with the 91-year-old Grand  
Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz,  
my mother's aunt, who told me  
of being taken, when a young girl,  
to see George IV, who patted her  
head.

And in the Kingdom of Wurtem-  
berg, now vanished into the limbo  
of Graustark, I stayed in an  
opulent palace at Stuttgart as guest  
of King William and Queen  
Charlotte, whom I called "Onkel  
Willi" and "Tante Charlotte."

Quite apart from the family re-  
lationship, protocol required me  
as Prince of Wales to pay  
courtesy call upon Emperor Wil-  
liam II.

But, with singular obtuseness,  
the Kaiser, in inviting me to visit  
him on August 31, added that he  
expected me to stay over for the  
annual parade celebrating the  
French surrender at Sedan in 1870.

Now the French joined with us  
in the Entente Cordiale, would  
certainly have taken a poor view  
of my presence at such an occa-  
sion, and a potentially awkward  
situation was averted only by the  
British Ambassador's diplomatic  
snesse, by means of which my call  
upon the emperor was rendered  
quite devoid of political implica-  
tions.

I knew him distantly, of course,  
from his spectacular descents upon  
our little island, but at the  
Königliches Schloss, on Unter den  
Eichen, in Berlin, I saw him for  
the first time in his own environ-  
ment.

Arriving in the late afternoon,  
I was taken at once to the em-  
peror's room.  
He was sitting in uniform be-  
hind an extraordinarily high desk,  
and in greeting me, rose in a most  
curious manner, as if dismount-  
ing from a horse.

Upon drawing closer I perceived  
to my astonishment that he had  
risen from a wooden block shaped  
like a horse's back; to this was  
girthed a military saddle, com-  
plete with stirrups.

against a German expansion.  
And as that happens, Britain  
can tighten her belt still fur-  
ther—if there are any  
notches left.

# THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

## By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

### Visit To Germany

Nothing my startled expression,  
the emperor smiled, and explained  
undoubtedly that he was so  
accustomed to sitting on a horse  
he had found a saddle more con-  
ducive to clear, concise thinking  
than a conventional desk chair.

### To Aida

The Kaiser's saddle was only  
the first of a series of exciting  
events in store for me.  
I dined that night with him,  
the emperor and several other  
members of the family.

The Kaiser in a different and  
more colourful uniform, led the  
conversation in German to test  
my fluency.

Satisfied that I had not been  
wasting my time, he relaxed into  
English which he spoke beau-  
tifully and asked all kinds of  
questions about my parents and  
his English relatives.

touched the elegant figure which  
only seven months later would  
fall before the assassin's fateful  
bullets at Serajevo.

The thought of war was  
elusive and persistently in the  
air, but exactly as in 1939, all  
the "best-informed people" were  
wisely assuring one another that  
there would be no war.

I find from my diary that as  
late as June 5, 1914, I was plan-  
ning, with my father's consent,  
to go channels shooting in the Tyrol  
in the autumn with my cousin  
Charles Coburg, the Duke of Sax-  
Coburg and Gotha.

By then it was more or less  
understood that I had had enough  
of Oxford and Oxford enough of  
me.

My father was arranging for  
me to join the Grenadier Guards  
as he was all for balancing off my  
early association with the Navy

atmosphere in Great Britain was  
deceptively tranquil.

The Irish question was at its  
perennial crisis, and my father  
and mother were heckled by  
suffragettes whenever they made  
a public appearance.

So remote was the possibility  
of war from the public mind that  
they took a large party of guests  
to the Ascot races and threw  
themselves into the usual social  
activities.

To make sure that I was kept  
occupied my father had me at-  
tached to the 1st Life Guards,  
one of the Household Cavalry re-  
giments then stationed at Hyde-  
Park Barracks.

But since the officers, along  
with the other "lads" around  
own, went to parties every night,  
I began to learn, as my diary  
attests, about other things, too.

June 25. "Life is very  
pleasant."

July 7. "I stuck it out to  
the bitter end and got back to  
Buckingham Palace at 2. ... My  
first ball in London."

July 8. "... Duke of Port-  
land's house. My dancing is  
improving. I got in at 4 and in  
bed by 4.30. I was up again  
at 6 and walked to Barracks,  
punting with the composite  
Squad at 7.30."

July 23. "... with Ld. and  
Lady Farnham. Pembroke,  
Desboroughs, Ly. Castleragh,  
Ld. A. Innes-Kerr. ... Balfour  
and his sister. We all had a  
bear fight. Nothing broken but  
clothes suffered. The ladies  
were the most hearty. ... Rela-  
tions between Austria and Ser-  
bia very strained. I don't like  
the look of things abroad."

July 24. "... Poor Papa is  
having an awful time with the  
Irish crisis. ... I saw a man  
from Dublin to put an idea of  
my new car which is going to  
be something special."

The old riding master knew  
all about young subalterns who  
had been up dancing all night.  
And with a sardonic expression  
he would order the horses unsad-  
dled and put us through the most  
bone-jarring bareback exercises  
that he could think up.

I was then 20 and this was my  
first glimpse of the kind of life  
which I had taken for granted.  
It was snatched away almost be-  
fore I savoured it.

July 25. "... was reading  
newspapers all night and Papa  
received news of Belgium's  
mobilisation. All this is too  
ghastly and that we shall be in  
the brink of war is almost in-  
credible. ... I am v. depressed."

### A Dilemma

On August 3, 1914, the day be-  
fore the German Army struck into  
Belgium, I spent part of the after-  
noon alone on a squash court at  
the Bath Club in Dover-street, bat-  
tling a small rubber ball against  
a blank wall.

A week or so earlier, in a flash  
of happiness, I had exclaimed in  
my diary: "I don't know how I  
should live without the Bath  
Club!" But the sudden fact of  
war made it seem the least  
important place on earth.

That afternoon I was lonely  
and frustrated. The war that  
would occupy the spirit and  
energies of my generation for the  
next four years had already con-  
fronted me with a unique personal  
problem: was I to be a soldier  
in the field with the troops, or was  
I to be kept in Britain as the Heir  
Apparent, not to be risked in bat-  
tle?

Had I been any other British

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



"Jealous eyes and greedy hands  
would like to pluck this delectable  
fruit," says a visiting M.P. about  
Hong Kong.  
All they will get, however, will  
be raspberries from our stalwart  
75.

I see the North Pole, too, has  
had a flag day.

The Colorado beetle is prevalent  
in European potato crops. Because  
of its habit of boring from within,  
it is to be re-named the "Gromyko  
grub."

Sup-press-ed.  
In Malta when they don't like  
what you print, they tell you to  
put up or shut up.

I'll sing of strife in Araby  
And chaos in Kashmir.  
(But pretty soon we'll put it  
right.)

With pact and truce and ple-  
biscite.

When challenged, our varied  
interests have learned to keep  
their own council.

It seems the Burmese bride was  
waiting at the church when that  
there Karen leader went and left  
her in the lurch.

Chiang Kai-shek is rumoured to  
be moving South. Even "Ningpo  
more far" is uncomfortably near  
these days.

A correspondent suggests that  
instead of boiling the KMT "war  
criminals" in oil, they should  
simply be smothered under a heap  
of useless gold yuan, with the  
400,000,000 "Lau poi hsing" put-  
ting on a few notes each at a time.

Hong Kong's elect have up to  
now mostly been self-elected.

"This crime was the work of  
a master criminal," said the pro-  
secutor, "and was carried out in  
a skilful, clever manner."  
"Flattery won't get you, no-  
where," said the accused. "I  
ain't going to confess."

Highest prices paid for "used  
cars. Send your wife round for  
an appraisal."

A man who fell down a man-  
hole in a London pavement woke  
up in hospital. He was somewhat  
surprised, as his last conscious  
thought had been that he was  
entering a night club.

youth of 20 that question would  
never have arisen. In the normal  
course of events I would have  
enlisted and been sent to France  
and there, in all probability, I  
would have been killed or cer-  
tainly wounded within a year.

But as Prince of Wales and  
next in line of succession to the  
throne, I was to discover that my  
trophy value exceeded my military  
usefulness.

In any event, my father, the  
King, in the midst of the crisis,  
paused long enough to tell me  
that I must wait in London until  
"suitable employment" could be  
found for me.

What this decision, on the eve  
of war, meant to me can be  
judged from the entry I made in  
my diary that night before I  
went to bed at Buckingham  
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# STATUTE FOR WEST GERMANY

Joint Sovereignty Of Allied Powers

## END OF ALLIED WEAKNESS

Washington, April 10. The "Star" said today that the three power Foreign Ministers' agreement on unification of Western Germany appears to be a major step forward which brightens the entire international picture.

"It certainly promises to end what has been a dangerous weakness in Western solidarity against the mounting threat from Moscow," it added.

"It is significant that this meeting coincided with the signing of the Atlantic Pact because that momentous document changed the terms of reference against which the German problem could be re-evaluated. With the pact, the Democratic Atlantic world recognised that common defence against the threat of Soviet aggression is of paramount consideration.

"Accordingly, a favourable atmosphere was created in which previously incompatible viewpoints over Germany would be successfully harmonised."

The editorial expressed the hope that France would not use its veto rights in an obstructive manner.—United Press.

## Big Increase Granted In German Self-Government

Berlin, April 10.

The Occupation Statute agreed by the three Western Foreign Ministers in Washington establishes clearly the joint sovereignty of the three Allied Powers over Western Germany in international law for the first time.

### BEARDED HEADMASTER TO APPEAL

Ecclestone, Staffordshire, April 10.

Mr. Robert Copping, bearded headmaster of Horeley Hall, aged 29, and his partner, Mr. Edward Reynolds, aged 31, plan to appeal against the decision of the magistrate that they are unfit persons to have charge of a school and that they were keeping their 22 boy and girl pupils in a detrimental environment.

"Many of the parents have told us that they will start a fighting fund to keep the school going if they can," Mr. Copping said today. "They read of the case and have written to me to say that they are still behind us."—Reuter.

## Challenge To The Labour Movement

London, April 10.

Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, said today that the results of the County elections are a challenge to the entire Labour Movement.

"Few expected the losses [to be so severe]," he said.

"It is due in some measure to the redistribution of seats and to the exploitation by the Tory Party of the election as an artificial referendum. In this they were assisted by the lack of time to explain the significance of the Budget as a further step towards the achievement of Britain's economic independence."

Conservatives continued to pile up substantial leads over Labour Party candidates as returns came in slowly yesterday from the elections in England and Wales. Labour Party tabulations in 55 of the 65 counties indicate that the Labour Party has suffered a loss of 53 Councilmen, and Conservatives have taken over control of local administrations in such counties as Middlesex, Essex and Northumberland.

Almost everywhere, in a comparatively light vote, Labour's position weakened.

The Party retained control in Monmouth, Durham, Clackmannanshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Labour won Caermarthen.

In all rural elections, independent candidates played a more conspicuous role than in London county, where last Thursday Con-

servatives and Labourites ran a dead heat, each winning 64 places on the Council and a precarious balance of power falling to a lone Liberal Party victor.

The Conservative Party central office said the Party has already gained 292 seats and has lost 14.—Reuter and Associated Press.

### BRITISH RED ATTACKS PACT

London, April 10.

Mr. R. Palme Dutt, Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party in Britain, said at a meeting here today that the Atlantic Pact is following in the path of the old anti-Comintern pact.

"The sponsors of that finished on the gallows in Nuremberg," he said, adding: "There is a warning there for our Churchills and Bevin's."

He further said: "We shall never bear arms against a Socialist Europe."

"We shall never forge the arms for a war against a Socialist Europe."

"You can either support the United Nations Charter or the Atlantic Pact."

"You cannot support both."—Reuter.

In speaking of "exercise of the supreme authority" which is retained by the Powers, the Statute draws the formal conclusion from the collapse of four-Power sovereignty established by the Potsdam Agreement, inoperative since the dissolution of the Allied Control Council in Berlin a year ago.

The Allied High Commission established by the three-Power agreement, becomes the body for execution of Western control.

The joint sovereignty is only limited under the Statute by the freedom granted to the German Federal Government, which is removable under clause three entitling the Allies to resume full control in an emergency.

One consequence of Allied sovereignty is that the Statute makes no provision for the long-debated judicial arbitration between the Allies and the Germans.

Instead, clause eight establishes a legal presumption that any Allied action is justified by the powers retained by the Allies if it can be shown to be based on an inter-Allied agreement.

The increase in the range of German self-government is nevertheless considerable.

Apart from constitutional changes, German legislation and even international agreements will no longer require individual Allied approval to become legally valid, but will be automatically effective unless vetoed within 21 days.

### Reserved Fields

The list of "reserved fields" in which the Allies retain a special interest and which may lead to intervention, no longer includes democratisation or de-Nazification because de-Nazification is regarded as concluded and the democratisation must, after the approval of a democratic constitution, normally be left to the ordinary processes of German self-government.

The German Government is also given the right to ask for repeal of Allied laws no longer covered by the list of reserved fields.

The most serious limitation of German self-government for every-day purposes is contained in clause 2-H which reserves to the Allies control over internal action where necessary to ensure the best use of funds, food and other supplies to reduce to a minimum the need for external assistance to Germany.

Legally this clause is sufficiently elastic to allow the Allies to interfere with almost any act of economic legislation and administration—the very kinds of intervention the Germans hoped to see reduced by the Occupation Statute.

However, it gives a general assurance that these powers will not be used to disapprove legislation unless it directly opposes Allied orders or constitutes a grave threat to the basic purposes of the occupation.

### German Reaction

In Hanover, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, said in an interview today that the German Occupation Statute contains too many general clauses open to interpretation that might vary with changing relations between the Allies themselves.

Quoted by the German news agency D.P.D., Dr. Schumacher said that settlement of the German question is not dependent on the goodwill and efforts of the Germans or on the relations with the Allies, but to the reciprocal relations among the Allies.

"At the same time," he said, "the Occupation Statute gives the Germans a chance to become active with the consent of the Allies. It is warm and friendly in its contents than many statements made hitherto."

He considered that this first step had been made with great care. In principle sovereignty would remain fully within the scope of the Allies with only fragments in German hands.

### France Accepts

France has accepted the fusion of the French Zone of occupied Germany with Anglo-American Bizonia, the pro-Communist "Journal du Dimanche," said in Paris today.

She had accepted fusion even before the new German constitution was proclaimed, the paper's Washington correspondent said.

## GOLD YUAN TAKES ANOTHER PLUNGE TO A RECORD LOW

Shanghai, April 11.

Reports of Communist attempts to cross the Yangtze sent Nationalist China's inflated currency into another steep dive last night. The Gold Yuan depreciated between 30 and 50 per cent in terms of commodities and foreign currencies.

The Chinese silver dollar spearheaded the new price spurt, being quoted higher than the United States dollar by some curb operators and at par by others.

The price of rice—the main staple of Shanghai's 4,000,000 people—sky-rocketed to a new dizzy height of GY\$400,000 per picul of 170 pounds, an increase of about 100 per cent. In 72 hours as supplies reaching the city continued to dwindle owing to the spread of hostilities along the Yangtze banks.

The United States dollar was quoted last night at GY\$62,000 for cash and GY\$70,000 for cheques, while gold bars were priced at GY\$3,400,000 per ounce.

Silver dollars, which are considered the most transactable currency in the event of a siege or Communist occupation, led sensational price rises during the past week—regarded by inflation-harassed housewives as one of the worst in the economic history of Shanghai.

### Hectic Battle

Silver coins rose from GY\$19,000 to GY\$62,000 per piece in the course of last week, representing

an increase of more than three times.

A city-wide survey of commodities revealed an average increase of around 300 per cent, which covers soap, matches, woollens, textiles, paper and other items.

The United States dollar rose during the same period from GY\$20,000 to GY\$62,000.

In Shanghai today Gold Yuan wage earners are engaged in a battle for survival which is far more hectic than anything hitherto experienced even in the Chinese National Currency days.—Reuter.

## SPYING CHARGES BY REDS

Berlin, April 10.

The Soviet-sponsored newspaper "Tagliche Rundschau" today accused the American and British Occupation Authorities of using members of the German Social Democratic Party as spies in the Russian zone.

The paper carried a full page letter which, it said, was written by Heinz Ruehne, a former official of the Social Democrat Party, charging that the spy ring is directed from headquarters in Berlin and Hanover.

The writer said that as a Party official he was sent to the Baltic coast to investigate the possible existence there of Russian warships and port defences.

American and British Intelligence officers were also extremely interested, he claimed, in Soviet troops near the zonal frontiers. He included in his letter the names of American and British officials whom, he claimed, were directing the organisation and supplying Social Democrat Party members with money, cigarettes, food and free passages on the Berlin airlift in return for information.

He was so disgusted with the behaviour of Party members that he could no longer reconcile it with his conscience to remain a member of the Party, he added.—Reuter.

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows the entrance to Eu Gardens, residential district, Argyle Street.

## TARIFF TALKS OPEN ON NEW AGREEMENT

Paris, April 10.

Ten Marshall Plan countries are likely to be among the 34 nations represented at the International Tariff Conference opening at Annecy, South Eastern France, today.

## TOURISTS FOR ERP NATIONS

Washington, April 11.

Countries participating in the European Recovery Programme expect 375,000 United States citizens to visit Europe this year, according to the Economic Co-operation Administration here.

This is more than double last year's figure of 182,000. These visitors are expected to spend about \$400,000 including costs of transport and hotel and resort accommodation.

About 10,000 students have indicated their wish to go to Europe this year, the majority to study in universities there.

It is estimated that 440,000 berths by sea and 140,000 by air will be available in each direction this year and 564,000 by sea and 154,000 by air line 1950.—Reuter.

## BURMA PREMIER VISITING INDIA

New Delhi, April 10.

Thakin Nu, Burmese Prime Minister, is coming to New Delhi in response to a long-standing invitation by the Prime Minister of India, the Government announced today.

The Burmese Premier is expected to arrive on Tuesday, the announcement added.—Reuter.

The Economic Co-operation Administration is sending two delegates.

Mr. George A. Blowers, Acting Director of the ECA Trade Payments Division in Paris, said: "The recovery of European economy and the correction of the present disequilibrium in European trade depends to a large extent on trade expansion and the removal of obstructions barring the free flow of goods."

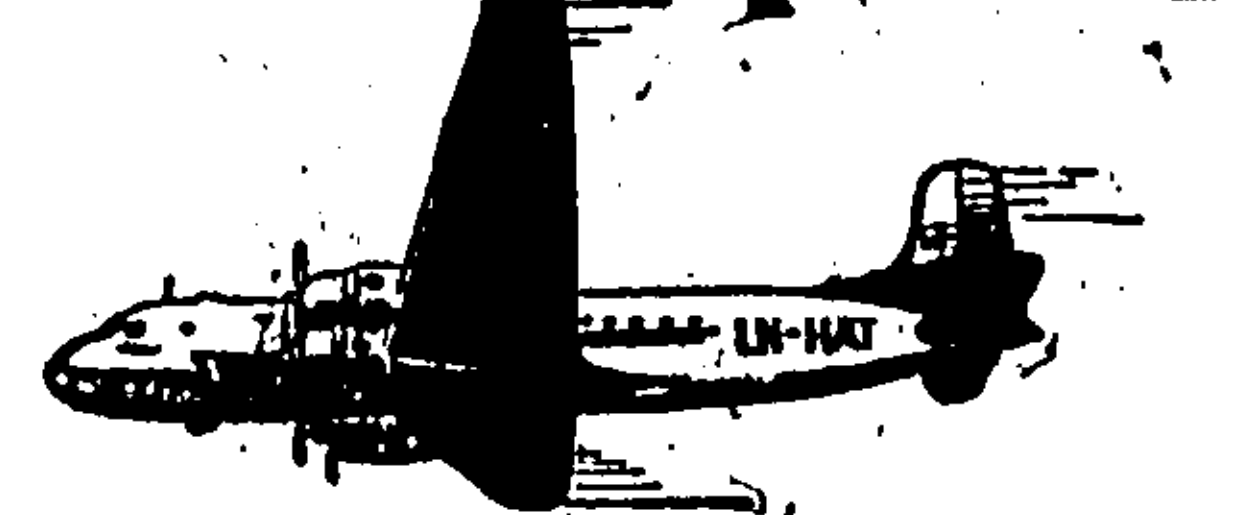
"The European Recovery Programme countries have already pledged themselves to the maximum practicable freedom in intra-European trade and have made much progress."

This is the third Conference held by the 23 countries which drafted a general agreement on tariffs and trade at Geneva in 1947.

Eleven other countries have indicated a desire to accede since the initial agreement was adopted. They will negotiate with the original contracting nations at Annecy.

Belgium, France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway and Britain joined to draft the original general tariffs and trade agreement. Four other Marshall Plan countries—Denmark, Sweden, Italy and Greece—are considering proposals to participate in the trade agreements.—Reuter.

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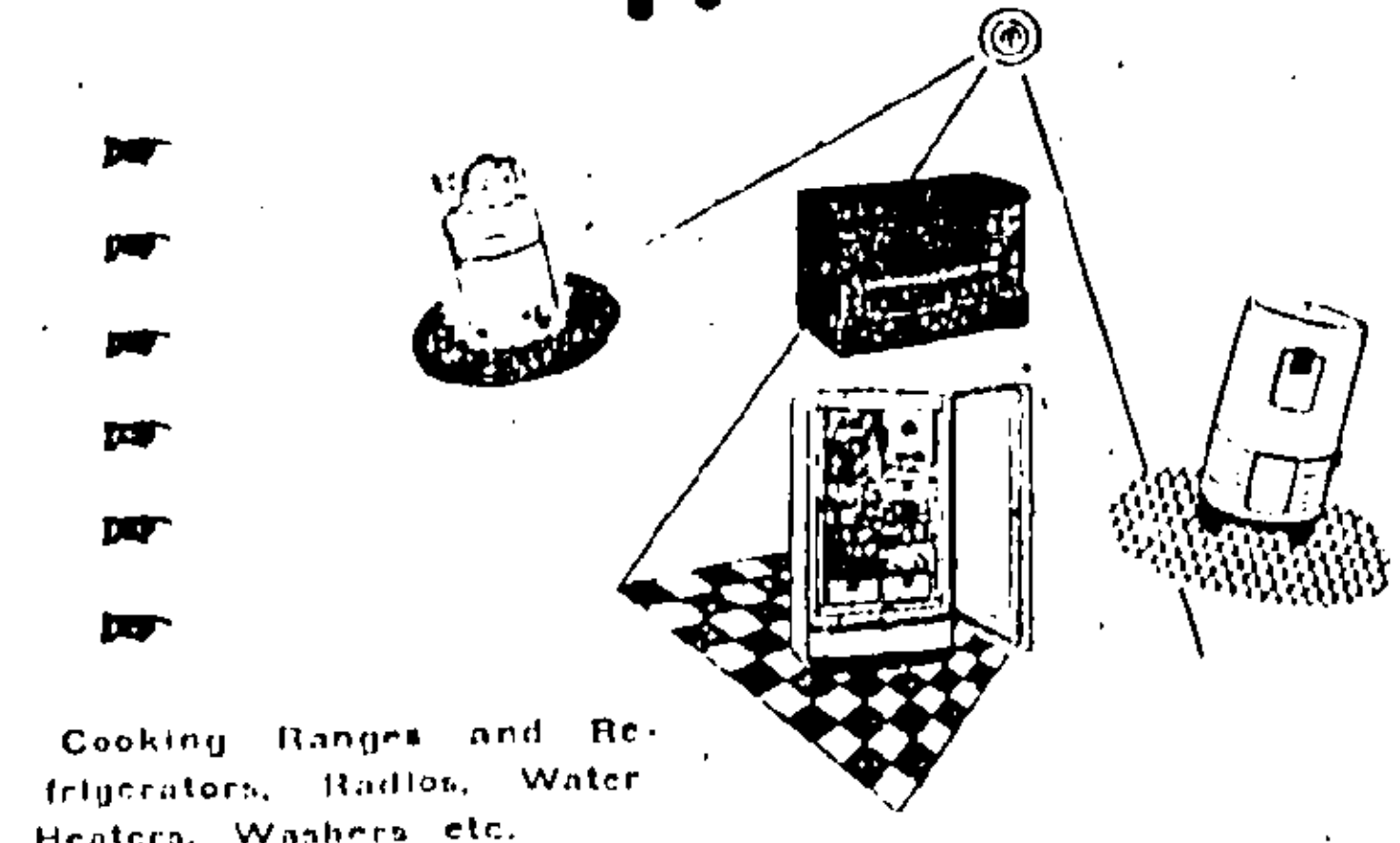
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## BRITON'S EXPULSION Bulgaria Rejects London's Protest

Sofia, April 10.

The Bulgarian Government today published the text of three notes bearing on the recent trial of 15 Protestant pastors in Bulgaria. One protested to the United Nations against the proposed United Nations discussion of the trial.

The other two were addressed to Britain. These rejected Britain's note of March 12 protesting that the trial infringed civil liberties, and replied to the British protest last month.

### Austrian Frontiers Inviolable

Vienna, April 10.

Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Chancellor, today told a People's Party meeting at Zwettel, Austria, that Austrians will never agree to a change in their frontiers.

"A country which, like Austria, has fought for freedom to the last minute and yielded only to brute force cannot give up parts of her nation lying on historical Austrian land," he said.

Austria made no claims on others, but asked the Great Powers to fulfill the pledges given to Austria in the Moscow Declaration of 1943, signed not only by Mr. Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt, but also Marshal Joseph Stalin, that Austria should be restored within her 1938 frontiers.

The Austrian Chancellor spoke of Austria's gratitude to the Western powers, whose renunciation of their claims to German assets in their Zones had removed some difficulties from the way of the conclusion of a treaty.

"It is now up to the other side to show their goodwill," Dr. Figl said.—Reuter.

### MAIL SERVICE TO HARBIN

Shanghai, April 11.

Mail services between Shanghai and Harbin, disrupted since 1946, has been re-established. A letter from a Catholic missionary in the Manchurian city was received in Shanghai by a French priest, the Catholic News Agency said. Other letters were received here from Changchun.

The letters were carried to Shanghai by better vessels which have been plying between ports in North and South China. The letters do not shed much light on conditions in Manchuria, but indicated that food supplies are sufficient.—Associated Press.

### CANADIAN PREMIER ON RAIL TOUR

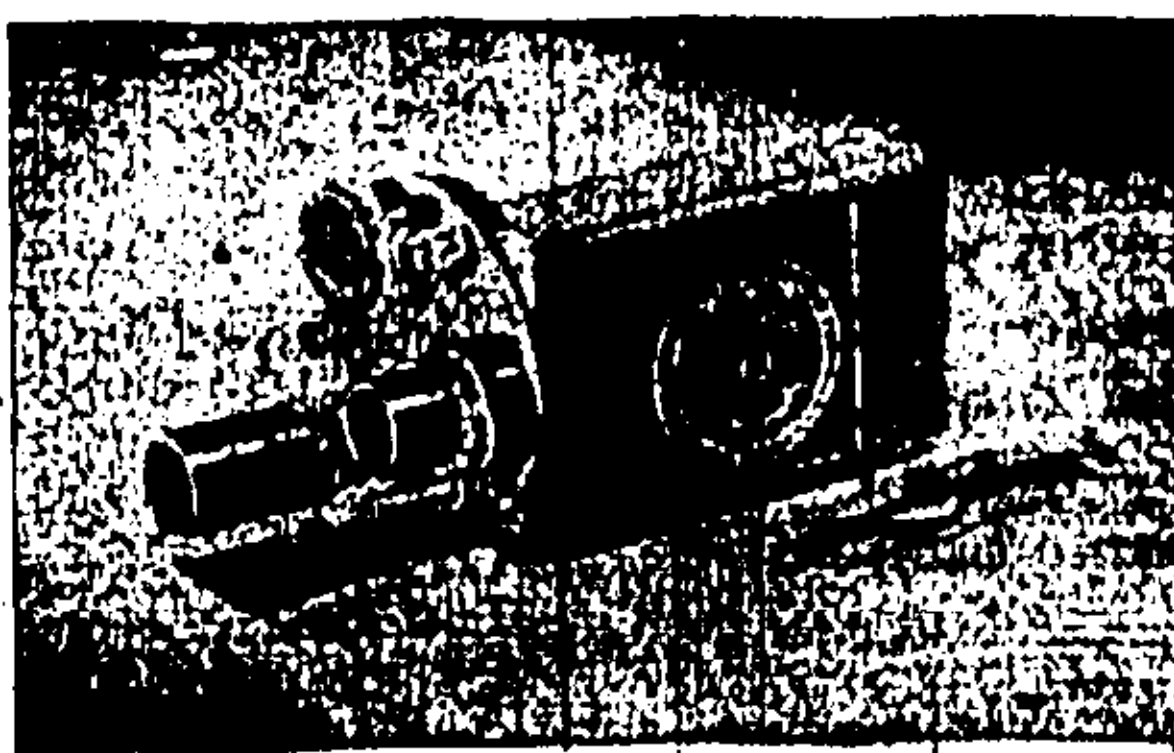
Ottawa, April 11.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, is making a 10-day rail tour of major Western Canadian cities which is regarded as an election campaign tour.

His place at the London Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference will be taken by Mr. Lester B. Pearson, the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs.—Reuter.

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### SABOTAGE IN PARCEL SHIP

Haifa, April 10.

The 5,000-ton Panamanian ship, the *El Estero*, bringing the oil food parcels, machinery and cotton from the United States, arrived here with her holds on fire. Sabotage is suspected.

Chartered as the *El Estero*, the vessel (not listed in Lloyd's) is carrying thousands of parcels from the American-Jewish fraternal organization of the same name.

The fire broke out near Gibraltar in cotton bales stored near about 20 American parcels. The crew fought the fire until the ship was brought safely into Haifa and the machines and cotton were unloaded. An investigation is proceeding.—Reuter.

### Union Split Over Call For Strike

Melbourne, April 10.

A barrage of strike calls and "don't strike" appeals went out tonight to an estimated total of 100,000 workers in Australia's key industries.

The issue is whether or not there shall be a nation-wide series of "solidarity protests" this week at the sentence of one month's imprisonment for contempt of the Federal Arbitration Court which Mr. Leslie John McPhillips, Assistant Secretary of the Federated Ironworkers' Association, is now serving in a Sydney goal.

Late tonight it appeared likely that a large part of Australia's industrial manpower will be idle tomorrow on the instructions of the Federal Arbitration Court which Mr. Leslie John McPhillips, Assistant Secretary of the Federated Ironworkers' Association, is now serving in a Sydney goal.

The latest strike order was to 25,000 miners throughout the country for a one-day stoppage. If the miners obey this will mean an estimated loss of 75,000 tons of coal.—Reuter.

## "Bamboo Curtain" Around Weather

Shanghai, April 11.

The "bamboo curtain" the Communists have lowered around North China reaches to the stratosphere.

It not only holds in all news reports, but weather reports as well.

Much of Asia's weather is nurtured in the high-pressure areas of Siberia. It often undergoes great change as it is being pushed across Red China into the low-pressure areas of the South.

For this reason the weatherman, if he is going to accurately forecast the weather in the Far East, must have regular reports from all areas.

But the Communists for the last few months have blocked out all weather reports from Manchuria and the remainder of North China under their control. This black-out has caused a serious dislocation in the field of weather reporting in China.

The weatherman must base a part of his forecasts on experience. He can no longer depend upon data which once came regularly from Mukden, Peking, Tientsin and other North Chinese cities.

He picks up reports from Siberia—and from then on he's on his own for the most part. Occasionally there are reports from pilots flying over Red areas, but these are few and far between.

They don't permit the hurried weatherman to accurately make forecasts so important to the farmer, ship's master and the plane pilot.—Associated Press.

### MR. MORRISON IN COLOGNE

Cologne, April 10.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister, arrived here this afternoon from Hanover.

After talks with the city authorities, Mr. Morrison, according to the German news agency, DFB, is going on to Castle Rottlingen, where he is to meet Dr. Karl Arnold, Premier of North Rhine-Westphalia.—Reuter.

### DR. WISE ILL

New York, April 10.

Dr. Stephen Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, is recovering from an operation; it was announced by Lenox Hospital today. The condition of the Jewish leader, aged 75, is good. The hospital, which did not reveal the nature of his ailment, said Dr. Wise had been there several days.—Reuter.

## AMERICA TO RETAIN TROOPS IN GERMANY

Washington, April 10.

A United States Army force of some 70,000 combat troops—about the present strength—will stay on the alert in Germany after the task of the occupation government is turned over to civilians, officials said today.

They made it plain that the size of the force will be governed by how Russia behaves, as well as by how the Germans behave under limited self-government.

Any decision to increase or decrease troops probably will be made here by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council instead of by the Allied civilian High Commissioners who will replace the military occupation authorities.

These statements confirm the remarks of the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, at a news conference on Friday, when he said the United States' troop strength in Germany will be determined by general military and security considerations. He added that he has no reason to know at present whether these forces should be either increased or diminished.

State Department quarters deny emphatically, meanwhile, that there is any inconsistency in turning Western Germany over to civilian control as the United States is proposing to help other Western European nations rebuild their armed strength.

These quarters point out that none of the other Western European governments is at present under military control. All are run at the top by civilians, just as Western Germany will be under the new plan.

Robertson To Resign? One official said: "This is not a change in the number of men or the amount of military equipment we will have in Germany. It is merely a change in the senior direction of them."

Other sources said that after the United States, British and French occupation zones are fused into one Western German state as planned, the military forces of the three occupation powers will be reduced to the same geographical areas they are at present guarding.

The British and French have given no indication that they plan to reduce their military forces because of the change-over. In fact, they may be able to strengthen them if Congress approves the administration's proposal to ship United States arms to European members of the North Atlantic defence alliance.

Reliable sources in Berlin said that General Sir Brian Robertson, British military Governor in Germany, will resign from the Army and become Britain's "civilian" High Commissioner in the new Germany. Neither President Truman nor the State Department has said anything.

### ORGAN MUSIC FOR BUDDHISTS

Tokyo, April 10.

Organ music, traditional in the Christian religion, has made its first appearance in Japanese Buddhist services.

The newspaper "Asahi" said today that the Shin and Tenri Buddhist sects have adopted organ music in memorial services as a direct result of Christian influence.

Among the chants and prayers which have been set to organ music recently is a very ancient song which requires 40 minutes to play.

### TREATY BETWEEN SATELLITES

Sofia, April 10.

Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria today exchanged ratification instruments of the mutual assistance treaty signed between the two countries.

The Czechoslovak delegation was headed by the Prime Minister, Antonin Zapoteky. The Czechoslovak and Bulgarian Foreign Ministers, Vladimir Clementis and Vasil Kolarov, exchanged instruments and made short speeches underlying their countries' close friendship and sincere desire for peace.—Reuter.

### Air Support

(It is doubted here that General Lucius Clay, American occupation commander, will follow General Robertson's lead and resign to become the U.S. Commissioner. General Clay is reported to be anxious to return to the United States if he is allowed to retire.)

A spokesman said that the U.S. Army, under its budget for the coming fiscal year, plans to maintain about the present number of combat troops in Germany and Austria.

This force includes one full division, six separate regiments, 30 battalions and 50 companies.

Air support for these ground forces is provided by two fighter groups of 75 planes each. One is equipped with F-80 Shooting Star jet planes and the other with F-47 piston-engine Thunderbolts. Behind these, in a supporting role, are three Air Force B-29 groups kept in England for "training" on a rotation basis.

The U.S. Navy maintains a carrier task force in the Mediterranean.—United Press.

## World's Largest Aircraft Carrier

Washington, April 10.

The construction of the Navy's controversial 65,000-ton super-aircraft carrier, USS *United States*, will begin next week, high Navy authorities asserted today.

Contrary to published speculation, they do not expect the current military discussions at Key West, Florida, to affect plans for the vessel. Its keel is to be laid on April 18 by the Newport News, Virginia, Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Vice-Admiral Arthur Radford, chief of Naval Operations, answered the speculation about delays or cancellation of the project with a flat statement: "I am certain it will be built." He knows of no doubt on that point.

Apprehensions about the future of the carrier spread through some echelons of the Navy when the new Defence Secretary, Louis Johnson, said at this first press conference that he had a pretty good idea as to what the respective roles of the Air Force and Navy aviation should be.

There was apparently concern in some Navy quarters that Mr. Johnson might favour increasing the Air Force's mission and reducing the role of Naval aviation.

Some sources said that the keel-laying ceremonies for the carrier, which will be the world's largest warship if completed, have been postponed pending an expression of view from Mr. Johnson.—United Press.

### TO RECOGNISE SYRIAN GOVT

Cairo, April 11.

Leading Egyptian Arabic newspapers today said Egypt intended to recognise the Government set up in Syria by Colonel Husni El Zaim, the Syrian Army leader.

The newspaper Akhbar El Yom said Colonel Zaim's representatives had assured Egypt that the coup was an internal affair and that it was not a step towards the realisation of "The Greater Syria Plan."

They also had assured the safety of the former Syrian President, Shukri El Kountly.—Reuter.

## KAREN REBELS REPULSED

Rangoon, April 10.

Burmese Government troops today repulsed Karen insurgents both at Insein, North of Rangoon, and in the Thazi sector near Mandalay, tonight's Government communique stated.

But insurgents who occupied Padan and Tharrawaddy, about 80 miles North of Rangoon, on Thursday, are advancing Northward along the main railway line.

They apparently plan to link up with other forces at Prome, 160 miles North of the capital, where a new rebel administration, the "United People's Front," has been set up.

In fierce fighting at Insein, which followed the breakdown of peace negotiations, Karen tribesmen made several attempts to break through the Government lines but were driven back with heavy casualties.

Burmese Air Force planes scored several direct hits on enemy concentrations in this area, the communique added.

The Karens are reported to have burned large stocks of ammunition in the Thazi sector before retreating to the South towards Toungoo, their stronghold in Central Burma, with Government troops in pursuit.—Reuter.

## British Tailors In Lead Again

New York, April 11.

England's men's wear industry is showing evidence of regaining world leadership in styling this year for the first time since the war, says G.A. Gidley, General Merchandise Manager of Gimbel Brothers, Philadelphia.

Returning from a study of business conditions in Europe, Mr. Gidley said: "The English men's wear industry, now operating with many American cutters and designers, is making a strong, and what appears to be successful, effort to develop goods that will meet needs of American consumers."

He said his largest purchase in England was a large quantity of coats and jackets made from a fabric new to American consumers called "ventile."—Associated Press.

## SWISS BAN ON FRENCHMEN

Geneva, April 11.

The Swiss Federal Council has forbidden Professor Marcel Pannan, member of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party, and Pierre Cot, former French Air Minister, to speak in Geneva as planned on April 14.

The two Frenchmen were due to address a Swiss Committee on preparation for the World Peace Congress in Paris. The ban was based on a year-old Swiss law permitting the Council to forbid political speeches by foreigners.

The Committee, which sponsored the addresses, issued a statement expressing the "surprise and regret over this measure, which hardly represents the Democratic traditions and desire for peace of the Swiss people."—Associated Press.

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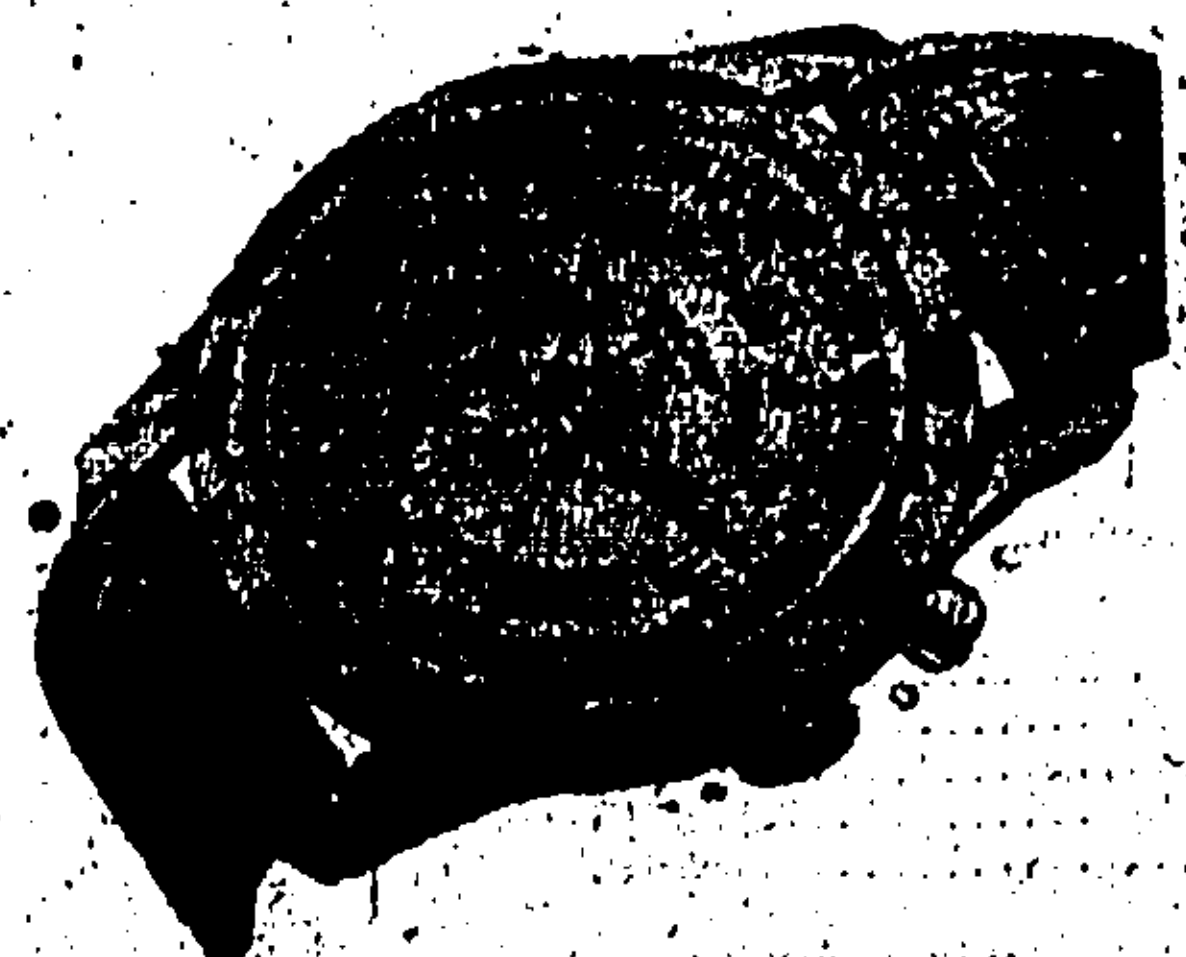
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## THERE MAY BE OTHER EARTHS

Mount Palomar, California, April 10.

Dr. Edwin P. Hubble, famous astronomer of the California Institute of Technology, says that there may be other planets, such as the Earth, where life may exist but that science may never be able to observe them. Dr. Hubble says that the 200-inch mirror telescope on top of this mountain, the world's most powerful telescope may move that there are other planetary systems.

Such planetary systems must be in the universe, but because of the number of solar systems known to exist, the number of planetary systems must be considerable.

There is no proof, he said, that the earth is the only planet in the universe where life exists, and also there is no proof that other such planets are in the universe.

The big mirror, he said, might discover new facts about solar systems, but he doubted that it will pick up planets in far off solar systems. He pointed to work already being done that indicates that some stars in far off space have "companion" bodies, which might be planets.

But the technique of picking up planets such as the size of the earth—which is a bit of cosmic dust compared to other heavenly bodies—will be, and is, a difficult job.

Observation of far off solar systems—that is, stars which have no connection with our solar system—can be made. So far, he said, the "big eye" here has not been turned on the planets in our solar system. Its duty is to probe far into the depths of space, and to determine whether space goes on forever, or whether there is an ending. United Press.

Washington, April 10. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, faces a rocky road in convincing Congress of the need for the arms for Europe programme, which has already threatened to be an obstacle in the way of Senate ratification of the North Atlantic security pact.

Present plans call for the United States to supply tanks, anti-tank guns, artillery, armoured vehicles and other heavy equipment for ground troops as the bulk of its military aid to other pact countries.

In addition, the Air Force may turn over some of its World War II planes now in "mothballs," including 200 B-29 Superfortress bombers.

Military sources said the Western European countries want to make their ground forces strong enough to stand a chance of holding off a possible land attack. President Truman is expected to send the 12-nation Atlantic Pact, aimed at protecting Western Europe and North America against future aggression, to the Senate tomorrow. However, a growing chorus of Senators wants to know administration plans for arms aid before considering the treaty.

Dr. Acheson's policy makers or both sides say they are still completely in the dark on the arms programme. Estimates of Western Europe's military needs were received here months ago and at least six versions of arms legislation have been discussed within the administration. However, there have been no consultations to date with the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senator Tom Connally), the senior Republican Senate foreign policy spokesman (Senator Arthur Vandenberg) or the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee (Senator Millard Tydings). Senator Vandenberg today daily refused to discuss the arms issue.

### The Cost

"I decline to discuss subjects on which I have absolutely no information," he said. Senator Connally, who expects to begin public hearings on the treaty tomorrow, said that among the first questions asked will be those about the cost of arms. He and Senator Vandenberg are reported to be unhappy over the State Department's failure until the last minute to invite the full Senate to the security pact signing ceremony. In addition, Senator Connally is said to be still resentful of the fact that the State Department is urging "undue" speed on ratification of the treaty.

## Europe Wants U.S. Troops

Washington, April 11.

Leaders abroad have urged that more U.S. troops be sent to Europe, if possible.

This was disclosed yesterday in connection with planned military rebuilding of Western European nations. The requests were made to the Secretary of the Army, Kenneth C. Royall.

Mr. Royall noted that Western European nations are stressing the importance of ground forces in defence planning. Associated Press.

ported to be unhappy over the State Department's failure until the last minute to invite the full Senate to the security pact signing ceremony. In addition, Senator Connally is said to be still resentful of the fact that the State Department is urging "undue" speed on ratification of the treaty.

The Senate Republican leader, Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, told a reporter that the money-raising committees of Congress must get the whole programme of arms spending from the State and Defence Departments.

"They've got to lay the entire programme on the table, then we will see what we can afford and do what we can do," he said.

### Ground Armaments

Senator Chas. McNary, ranking Republican member on the armed services committee, agreed that the Senate can not ratify the pact without estimating the effect on the U.S. military establishment.

"We can't strip that down too close," he added.

Republican Senator Homer Capehart, who wants foreign aid spending cut to balance the arms cost, commented: "We are hell-bent for a catastrophe."

Mr. Acheson said last week that he could not give Congress even an "informed guess" on the cost as the matter is still under review. Senator McNary foresees a programme which will place major emphasis on supplying Europe with ground armaments, leaving the major responsibility for long-range strategic bombing to the United States.

Military sources say that heavy ground equipment is the major European need. The Atlantic Pact countries already are self-sufficient in small arms. The major air power need of Western Europe is fighter and attack planes to support the ground troops. Britain and France are reported to be in a position to turn out jet engines for such planes.

### British Request

Britain is reported to have asked for an additional 200 B-29 Superfortress bombers.

With about 2,000 of these in reserve, a U.S. Air Force spokesman indicated, there will be no serious objection to turning over 200.

Other planes which the Air Force may release are P-47 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters and B-28 bombers in its "mothball" reserve fleet. There are some 5,000 of these planes, all of the piston-engine type, which are rapidly becoming obsolete. United Press.



For three days, new students at Homa University ruled the day they ever went to school. During that period, they, like freshmen the world over, underwent all the indignities of initiation into the University. According to tradition, the newly freshmen had to obey all orders given by their seniors; orders which went from jumping into fountains to buying drinks. The biggest ceremony was on the 1st day when the students elected their "Pontiff," chosen from final year students, and paraded with him round the town. This group of students paraded in costumes of ancient Roman soldiers. The Colosseum makes an appropriate background. (Associated Press Photo).

## STRIKES SPREADING THROUGHOUT GREECE

Athens, April 10.

Greek Government Ministers were today empowered to mobilise all civil servants who have been on strike for four days and who fail to report for duty tomorrow.

The Greek Inner Cabinet gave the Ministers these powers after the strikers, who are claiming large salary increases, had rejected a Government offer of free food supplies, worth £3 monthly, for the next three months.

The Athens news agency tonight broadcast a statement by striking civil servants replying to allegations in guerrilla broadsheets tending to exploit the stoppage and declaring opposition to Communism.

This said: "Under the free democratic regime of Greece, civil servants can freely demand their rights, whereas the Communist bandits, in slavery under the yoke of the Red tyrant, have been transformed into individuals without a soul and without a will."

Civil servants in Northern Greece have announced that they will strike tomorrow in sympathy with their colleagues in the rest of the country who stopped work on April 6.

Railwaymen in Northern Greece are expected to come out on Wednesday, making a general railway stoppage throughout the country.

Tonight's Greek General Staff communiqué reported guerrilla attacks in Epirus against the Prophet Elias Height in the Grammos range, where the guerrillas announced an offensive two days ago.

"X" Leader Arrested. M. Evangelos Mangas, former leader of the right wing "X" organisation, is once again under arrest, according to the Ministry of Public Order.

### FOREST FIRE

Paris, April 10. Seventy acres of timber and brushwood were destroyed today by fire in the Forest of S-mart, about 30 miles South East of Paris.

About 250 acres in the same forest were ravaged by fire last month. — Reuter.

## NEW METHODS FOR AUSTRALIA

Canberra, April 11.

British and American companies have introduced up to date methods and technical knowledge into Australia since the end of the war, the Prime Minister, J. B. Chifley, said in a broadcast here.

Overseas interests have participated in 228 of 2404 new manufacturing projects announced in Australia in the three post-war years, he said. Of 1,972 entirely new businesses, British interests contained in 50, United States interests in 42, and other countries in six.

Of 732 existing businesses which extended operations in the same period, 70 were British, 45 American and four from other countries, Mr. Chifley said. Associated Press.

## Ex-Policemen In Sit-Down Protest

Tel Aviv, April 10.

Israeli military police, wearing gas masks, today threw tear gas bombs to drive out more than 100 striking ex-policemen from Tel-Aviv's Criminal Investigation Department headquarters.

The former policemen, dismissed in a recent "purification" of Israeli Government officials who served under the British Mandate, were starting a sit-down strike in the police building.

The Government warned them to get out.

The strikers ignored that warning. Two and a half hours later military police stormed into the building. The warning to evacuate was again repeated. It was again ignored. The police then hurled gas bombs and the strikers a few minutes later came streaming out of the building, coughing and choking amid the cloud of acrid fumes.

The strikers reformed and marched off to demonstrate outside the house of the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion. The police, in the meantime, suspected that they were going to demonstrate at the Knesset (Parliament) building, and rushed off to protect it.

The Criminal Investigation Department building was cordoned off during the operation. The demonstrators claimed they had been unjustly dismissed. They demanded a reconsideration of their cases by a Government Commission and temporary Government employment pending the Commission's decision.

On reaching Mr. Ben Gurion's house, the demonstrators sat under the shady trees outside, on the residential Boulevard Central. They were dressed in civilian clothes or wore battle-dress over their uniforms.

The Prime Minister was not at home. A spokesman for the group many of whom claim from 10 to 25 years' service, told reporters that they are going to picket the Premier's house and the Parliament buildings until their demands are met. "Our demands are simple," the spokesman added. "We ask only for justice."

The demonstrators submitted a petition for a reconsideration of their cases to Parliament, which is due to meet tomorrow. They also sent a petition to the Premier. "If these steps are not enough, we will consider a hunger strike," the spokesman said. — Reuter.



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## JAPAN STUDIES SOUTH AMERICAN PROSPECTS

Mexico City, April 10.

Japan, anxious to expand her foreign trade, is investigating the possibility of regaining some of her pre-war markets in Latin America.

At the same time, the Allied authorities in Tokyo are studying what products Latin America can offer to help Japanese industry and replenish the Japanese bread basket.

For these purposes, a special mission of the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers (SCAP), in Japan, headed by

Mr. Frank Eickell, chief of the Foreign Commerce and Trade Division of SCAP, is to make a survey of the possibilities of trade between Latin America and Japan.

## Syrian Unity A Necessity

Amman, April 10.

King Abdullah of Transjordan, father of the Greater Syria Plan, still considers Syrian unity a national necessity but believes that the Palestine problem should be settled first.

(The Greater Syria Plan for the federation of Transjordan, Iraq, Syria and part of Palestine was proposed by King Abdullah two years ago).

In a Palace statement issued here today, King Abdullah said: "Co-operation with the present Syria is the only step contemplated until the Arabs generally express their verdict."

The King considers that last month's Syrian coup d'état indicates the desire of the Syrians to build their estate on a solid foundation.

King Abdullah had proposed to Shukri Kourdi the execution of the Greater Syria Plan last year, when they had both agreed to postpone further talks until the Palestine problem was solved.

The statement said: "Since the problem has not been solved yet there is no need to disturb people's minds."

The Palace spokesman who summoned reporters to hear the statement said that the envoys whom King Abdullah sent to the Syrian capital after the coup carried his congratulations and assurances of this desire for co-operation with the new regime.

## "At Disadvantage"

Then, he explained, Japanese manufacturers and exporters were able to under-sell competing nations, mainly because of extremely low production costs.

Today, Japan has lost her merchant fleet, her colonies such as Manchuria, Korea, Formosa and Okinawa, which were sources for cheap raw materials, and her cheap labour has trebled in cost since the pre-war years.

"Japan is now at a disadvantage," he added, "because of the increased manufacturing costs which her industries have to bear and the need for competing on a quality and price basis with other manufacturing countries."

Although Japanese manufacturers and exporters are now concentrating on Far Eastern markets, where low-priced and inferior quality goods are in wide demand, Mr. De Silva said, Japan is producing fairly good quality standard merchandise which has a market in the Western hemisphere, especially the United States.—Reuter.

## ARABS PROTEST UN DECISION

Tripoli, April 11.

Tripoli police were called out today when Arabs tried to hold a protest demonstration against the United Nations Political Committee decision to hear Italy's views on the disposal of her former colonies.

Arab shops were closed and notes were sent to foreign consulates stressing Arab claims for the territorial unity and independence of Libya.—Reuter.

## ARMISTICE TALKS IN THE BALANCE

Tel Aviv, April 10.

The resumption of the Israeli-Syrian armistice talks appeared still undecided after a two-hour meeting here today.

At the meeting were two of the Acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche's, representatives and Dr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Office.

Israel has expressed her readiness to resume the talks next Tuesday provided the Syrians withdraw first from a height known as Hill 223, which the Israelis assert the Syrians occupied after the truce.

After today's conference here, informed sources said the Israelis are still adamant on this.

Dr. Bunche's representatives—M. Henri Vigier and General William Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine—turn asked the Israelis to refrain from further military movements in the area.

Dr. Bunche is leaving Geneva by special train tomorrow for Stockholm "to pay my last respects to Count Folke Bernadotte." He told reporters: "Now that the fighting is over in Palestine, I consider my mission at an end. To continue would infringe on the work of the United Nations Conciliation Commission."

Asked about his plans for the future, Dr. Bunche smiled and

said: "A very long peace. I just want to rest."

Dr. Bunche, who was on his way to the United States, told correspondents: "Before putting down the reins, I must go to greet Countess Bernadotte in Stockholm. I was not able to accompany the Count's body on its journey from Palestine last September, I had to stay on the job."

"Besides being an assistant to Count Bernadotte when he was Palestine Mediator, I was also his close personal friend. We owe so much to him. It was he who charted the path to peace."

Dr. Bunche said he would stay on Monday night at Countess Bernadotte's home before leaving for Paris on Tuesday morning. From Paris he will probably travel by sea to the United States, preparing a report for the Security Council on the way. "It is purely a voluntary report for their information, on the close supervision and the armistice negotiations,"—Reuter.

## CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

### Lesson 31 (H)

Vocabulary:

183. (k'au) 'kau

To implore. To plead. To pray. To beg.

Combinations:

20. Kuet' yee'

To decide. To determine.

A Story: (Continued)

58. 'Kui, 'dzee-gay' seung'.

He thought to himself and said:

'hah, wah:

"My papa has so much money,

'Ngaw bah-bah' 'yau

so many houses, so many

gom' daw' tseun'

cattle and also so many

yau gom' daw' ook'

workmen."

yau gom' daw' 'ngau

"All his workmen are eating

yau, 'yau gom' daw' 'gung'.

good food, living in big

'haam-baang-laang doh'

houses and wearing fine

'shik hoh' 'yeh,

clothes.

'jue daaye ook'

"I am his son."

'jeuk' leng' shaam'.

"Why should I be here begging

60. 'Ngaw 'hai, 'kui-geh'

for money?"

'dzai' "

"I ought to go back immediately

61. 'Deem-gaaye' 'ngaw

and implore him to allow

yeeoo'

me to be at his place as a

hai' nee'-shue' hut'-tseun'

labourer."

neh'?"

"It is purely a voluntary

62. 'Ngaw ying'-goy' dzik'-

report for their information,

'kau, 'kui bay' 'ngaw

on the close supervision and

hai' 'kui-shue' 'dzoh yut'

the armistice negotiations."—Reuter.

gaw' gung' 'yun."

63. 'Kui kuet'-yee' faan'

He decided to return home.

ook'-kay'.

(To be continued)

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THE INTERIOR.

WASN'T IT ODD—HOW EVERY-  
ONE RAN WHEN YOU EVEN  
MENTIONED QUEEN EB—

DON'T SAY IT!  
LOOK OUT! WATCH  
WHERE DRIVE!

WHAT IS  
THIS?

**RIP KIRBY**

By ALEX RAYMOND

I NEVER  
HEARD OF  
DUTCH WILLY OR ANY  
SHREDDING KING!  
IS THAT CLEAR?

PERFECTLY! AND I  
NEVER HEARD OF THE  
BANDAR RUBIES! I'M  
SURE WE UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER!

ABOVE DECKS!  
ISN'T THAT CUTIE  
MAJOR ADORING YOU?  
OH, MR.  
DEMOND!  
YOU'VE  
MADE ME  
CONQUEST!

YOU TAKE HIM FOR HIS WALK!  
I'LL FIND MR. KIRBY AND TELL  
HIM HOW HELPFUL  
YOU ARE BEING!

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MUSTN'T GO  
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MUSTN'T!

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GOT FORELOCK  
YOU—

ALIAS BLOODS!  
ALIAS MANDRA-  
DORA—ALIAS  
MANDRAKE!

YES, HE WAS ONE  
OF TWO THINGS WHO  
ATTACKED THE DRIVERS  
OF THE LORIES JUST  
BEFORE WE OVERTOOK  
EM—BUT THE OTHER  
FELLOW GOT AWAY IN  
THEIR CAR—AND THAT  
WAS NO OLD CROOK  
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## AMERICAN RESEARCH INTO GERM WARFARE

### DISPUTE OVER WAVE LENGTHS

Mexico City, April 11.  
The Soviet Union joined the United States yesterday in refusing to sign a proposed 85-nation agreement dividing radio short wave frequencies.  
The Russian announcement came at the close of the International Radio Conference. The Conference was called to divide eight short wave broadcast bands between six and 26 megacycles in such a way as to end present interference.  
The U.S. said three days ago that it would not sign the proposed plan and was joined on Saturday by several Russian satellite countries, Liberia and Chile.  
Britain said on Saturday that she will sign the plan and thus became the first major power to take that position. She was followed by the British and French colonies, Italy, Austria, Ceylon, China, Canada, Egypt, Uruguay and Bolivia.  
Some delegates expressed surprise that Russia did not come out eventually for the plan, since the USSR would have received more frequencies under it than any other country. The U.S. would have been in ninth place.—Associated Press.

Washington, April 10.

This country leads the world in germ warfare research, according to the Armed Forces. They say that their work with disease germs and their poisons is aimed primarily at defence. But they make it plain that the United States intends to be prepared to strike back with biological weapons if any other nation should attack with them.

And though germ weapons definitely are not the fantastic killers they have been labelled, research proves they could be a cheap and most important means of warfare.

The former Defence Secretary, James Forrestal, said in a statement that although large-scale biological warfare has never been used by any nation, U.S. research shows that germs or their poisonous products could be used effectively as weapons of war.

But, he said, some claims as to the death-dealing powers of such weapons have been fantastic and extravagant and without any basis in fact.

Major-General Alden H. Walt, head of the Army Chemical Corps, told reporters that potentially the spreading of disease germs is a most important means of warfare. He added that he has no doubt about its practicability.

Biological warfare is the use of germs or their poisonous products to produce disease or death in humans, animals or plants. How to distribute them

effectively has been one of the major obstacles to the use of these agents.

### Primary Purpose

Neither Mr. Forrestal nor General Walt touched on that aspect. Both emphasized that the primary purpose of American germ research is to insure the nation's protection against biological attack in event of war and against biological sabotage even before a declaration of war.

Mr. Forrestal said: "Appropriate steps are being taken to insure the co-ordination of the activities of our protective agencies against possible biological attack." In addition to the Armed Forces, the Public Health Service and the Agricultural Department have major roles.

These and other Federal agencies and many state and municipal agencies are always on the alert, Mr. Forrestal said.

"The nation's first line of defence against biological warfare," he said, is "maintenance of our high standards of public health and sanitation and our protective measures for animals and crops."

As one Government source expressed it—other things being equal, the country with the best plumbing would come out on top in a biological war.

General Walt expressed confidence that the U.S. is ahead of anybody in the world in biological warfare research.

"We have the best scientists in the world on this problem," he said.

He also expressed the Chemical Corps' determination to be prepared to cope with biological warfare if this nation should be subjected to such attacks.

To cope with biological attack, the nation would have to be prepared to retaliate in kind.

General Walt said biological warfare could be waged with less expense and less industrial capacity than orthodox methods of warfare.—United Press.

### Steel Sets Pace For Recovery

Washington, April 10.

The Economic Co-operation Administration said the steel industry is setting the pace for industrial recovery of the Marshall Plan nations.

Reviewing Europe's steel production record after one year of United States assistance, the ECA said the European output for the calendar year 1948 was approximately 40,000,000 metric tons, which was 30 per cent more than 1947. The last quarter of 1948 had an output which was only six per cent below the 1935-38 average of the participating countries.

ECA estimates that the combined programme for all countries will provide finished steel production of about 44,300,000 tons within participating countries in 1952-53, as compared with the 1935-38 average of 31,500,000 tons.—United Press.

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## Big Awards For Russian Culture

Moscow, April 10.

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### Reduced Prices For Cars

Detroit, April 11.

The motor-car industry's wave of price reductions will probably have embraced every American car maker within the next few weeks.

Just as some companies increased prices two and three times last year, some are now coming through with a second cut this year.

The price reduction are intended to stimulate sagging sales. If they fail to do so, more price cuts are certain.

Reductions in lower priced models have been relatively small. This group accounts for more than half of the sales. It is the response in the group that is being most closely watched.

Trade observers say price cuts in this field have not been large enough to greatly stimulate buyer interest. They point out that post-war increases have nearly doubled the price of many models.

They note, as typical, that Chevrolet recently reduced prices US\$10; but a year ago raised prices for the same models US\$80 to US\$115.—Associated Press.

### SHOE BUSINESS

New York, April 11.

Shoe retailers in key cities throughout the U.S. are moderately optimistic on business prospects for the first six months of this year, according to a survey made by the New York Herald-Tribune.

Generally, the opinion is that the best sales increases will be made in children's shoes.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: Friday, 15th April, at 5 p.m. for the U.K. via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers' baggage must be sent to Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown (No. 2 GATE, Canton Road Entrance) by 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th April.

With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves all baggage must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

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### Selling The American Way

Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 10.

One hundred and nineteen young American business and professional men are to fly to Europe this week to sell "the American way of life" abroad. They will attend the Junior Chamber of Commerce International Convention in Brussels from April 21 to 28.

The young business men are representatives of Junior Chambers of Commerce in 29 States and Alaska. They will take with them exhibits, including a model city, to demonstrate American techniques.

On their way to Brussels, they will spend three days in Paris.—Router.

### POST OFFICE

#### MAIL NOTICE

#### Outward Mails

#### PAKISTAN HOLIDAYS

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 15, 16 and 18, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be closed on Friday, April 15, 1949.

Other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes during the holidays (except Sunday).

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

#### OUTWARD SURFACE MAIL TO UNITED KINGDOM

An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Port for R.M.S. "Canton" will be closed on Friday, April 15, 1949.

as follows:

GPO Hong Kong: (Parcels) 5 p.m. April 14, (Reg.) 9 a.m. April 15.

(Ordinary) 9.30 a.m. April 15.

GPO Kowloon: (Parcels) 5 p.m. April 14, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. April 15.

(Ordinary) 9 a.m. April 15.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 16, 1949.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Kowloon: (Ord.) 5 p.m., 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Nanking and Tientsin, (Reg.) 9 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

Airmail for Hoihow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Formosa via Keelung and Japan, 10 a.m.

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S.S. "CORFU"	18th July	18th August

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S.S. "CANTON"	10th April (5 p.m.)	10th May
S.S. "DUNER"	18th May	18th June
S.S. "CARTAGE"	9th June	11th July
S.S. "CANTON"	8th July	8th August
S.S. "CARTAGE"	6th August	6th September
S.S. "CORFU"	2nd September	1st October

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"TISADANE"	from Macassar & Javaports 20th April.	to Shanghai 21st April.
HONGKONG-MANILA-CHINA SERVICE		
"TASMAN"	In port 18th April.	to Manila & Amoy 19th April.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE		
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Dell 12th April.	to B. Dell 13th April.
"VAN HEUTSZ"	from B. Dell 14th April.	to B. Dell 15th April.

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"BOISSEVAL"	from Japan 27th April.	to East & South Africa 30th April.
"STRAAT BOENDA"	from Japan 21st May.	to East & South Africa 24th May.
"TEGELBERG"	from South America 7th June.	to East & South Africa 10th June.
"THIRAMPER"	from S. America 10th May.	to East & South Africa 13th May.

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"SEA SKYLINE"	San Francisco	May 9	May 11	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"LIGHTNING"	San Francisco	May 16	May 18	San Francisco & Los Angeles
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New York, April 10.

A cautious and irregular upturn marked American business and industry this week. Some of it was seasonal—a mild increase in retail trade, for example. Motor-car production increased in anticipation of a heavy Spring demand. Unemployment eased. Numerous outdoor operations, including farm work and inland shipping, opened up.

Considerable evidence exists, however, to support the belief that transient business conditions are nearing an area of stability after placement downward adjustment. A number of business executives subscribed to this theory in talks with stockholders at annual meetings. Highlights of the business chart this week were motor-car production, freight carloadings and engineering construction awards. Freight carloadings, bolstered by coal train operations, rose over the 1948 mark for the first time this year. They totaled 725,623 compared with last week's 596,329 and 600,031 for this week last year. Motor-car output was the highest since the autumn of 1941. The makers produced 130,197 cars and trucks in the United States and Canada. The total compared with 119,088 last week and 103,004 for the corresponding week last year.

### Prices Reduced

Both Ford and Nash reduced factory prices to dealers this week. Heavy engineering construction awards moved ahead to US\$178-242,000 from US\$132,174,000 last week. This important branch of the building industry has been piling up an impressive backlog of work in the first three months of this year. On the New York Stock Exchange, stock sales totalled 4,937,775 compared with 6,536,490 for the previous week. Bond sales totalled US\$10,930,100 compared with US\$10,625,500 a week ago.—Associated Press.

## Indian Attitude To Foreign Investment

Washington, April 11.

State and Commerce Department officials said today that India is taking a very wholesome attitude toward the question of foreign investments in that country.

They believe that this will result in increasing willingness of United States financiers to provide development funds for India.

Their comments followed Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's statement that foreign capital will operate in India under the same conditions as Indian capital. This optimism is realistic and does not overlook the fact that the Indian Government intends to reserve certain industrial areas for nationalistic control. Official said, however, that it is most helpful since it cleared up doubts concerning the scope for operation of foreign capital outside of areas reserved for the Government in industry. A fact apparently not realized by the Indians is that there has been considerable uncertainty concerning their attitude toward foreign capital. There has been some feeling that India would not welcome foreign capital in any form which would be acceptable to financiers in this country.

However, Mr. Nehru's statement and the bill introduced into parliament have evidently allayed official fears and heartened businessmen. Mr. Nehru's assertion that foreign capital will find no difficulty in getting its dollar earnings out of the country is also regarded as a strong stimulant to American investment. While United States businessmen generally oppose any trend toward nationalization anywhere they, nevertheless, will react favorably to statements such as that by Mr. Nehru, which definitely delineated areas in which they will not be allowed to operate.—United Press.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

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## Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$323.25 a tael and closed at \$322, after it was down to \$321.75 at the interval.

US dollars went up to HK\$5.31 after opening at \$5.30. Gold Yuan fell to 95 cents for 10,000 in Hong Kong. For remittances to Canton and Shanghai, rates dropped to 65 cents and 60½ cents respectively, after they had opened at 80 cents and 79½ cents.

Plastres were nominal at HK\$39.07½ a 100. Tins were unchanged at HK\$24.10 a 100. NEI Guilders registered a further drop, opening at HK\$31.80 a 100 and closing at \$31.40. Sterling was unchanged at HK\$10.72, as were Australian pounds at HK\$13.

### COTTON MEETING

Washington, April 11. The International Cotton Advisory Committee will meet in Brussels on April 25. The Committee is interested in promoting an international agreement aimed at stabilising world markets for cotton, along the lines of a wheat agreement among major exporting and importing countries.—Associated Press.

### Notice To Consignees

S.S. "WQSANG"

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed in the premises of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, 10th April, 1949. Consignees are advised to have their representatives present during the survey.

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### Shipping Arrivals

**YESTERDAY**  
 CANTON (Mac Mac) (APL) ex-Ban Fran-  
 cisco, 12.30 p.m., Capt. G.S. Stable  
 K. Wif.  
 DINERA (Ran Fran, Command), British  
 6.22 a.m., ex-Bangkok, Capt. A.A.  
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 GRAND (Wallen), Panamanian, ex-Tien-  
 tai, Capt. R. Jones, 1.00 p.m.  
 HERMIE JESSEN (H & S), Danish, 1.02  
 1.02 p.m., ex-Singapore, Capt. J.  
 Nielsen  
 KWEIYANG (H & S), British, 1.00 p.m.,  
 ex-Fuzhou, Capt. J. Taylor  
 PHILIP HUGHAN (APL), American,  
 1.00 p.m., ex-USA  
 ALBERTA LYKES (APL), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast  
 DENMARCH (Lorley), ex-UK  
 HUNAN (H & S), ex-Tientsin  
 NANCHANG (H & S), ex-Singapore  
 STEEL TRAVELLER (Gilmann), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast

**TODAY**  
 ALBERTA LYKES (APL), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast  
 DENMARCH (Lorley), ex-UK  
 HUNAN (H & S), ex-Tientsin  
 NANCHANG (H & S), ex-Singapore  
 STEEL TRAVELLER (Gilmann), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast

**TOMORROW**  
 INDIA MAIL (Everett), ex-Bangkok  
 LENSEVRET (Everett), ex-Shanghai  
 NORBERT (Everett), ex-Manila  
 PRES. PIERCE (APL), ex-Ban Francisco

**Shipping Departures**  
**YESTERDAY**  
 MARIEKIRK (HIL) for Shanghai  
 HONGKONG (HIL) for Shanghai  
 WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) for  
 Shanghai

**TODAY**  
 EUMAEUS (H & S) for Europe  
 FOCHOW (H & S) for Amoy  
 HONGKONG (HIL) for Shanghai  
 MAUSANG (Lorley) for Singapore  
 PRES. HUGHAN (APL) round the  
 world  
 STEEL TRAVELLER (Gilmann) for  
 Shanghai  
 TRINAN (H & S) for Swatow  
 WOSANG (Lorley) for Japan

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 ALBERTA LYKES (APL) for Manila  
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 FUKIEN (H & S) for Singapore  
 HERMIE JESSEN (H & S) for Amoy

**Vessels In Port**  
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 AZOV (Wallen) K. Dock  
 BURKHWOOD (Mc Mac) LCR  
 CALIFORNIA (Mac Mac) K. Dock  
 CANTON (Mac Mac) K. Dock  
 CECIL G. SALLARS (Moller) AIT  
 CHUEN MEN (Ming Sun) Yaumati  
 CHUENMEN (H & S) Yaumati  
 DAVEN (Gilmann) B. Dock  
 DINERA (Mac Mac) K. Dock  
 EUMAEUS (H & S) Yaumati  
 FOKHONG (H & S) B. Dock  
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 Nielsen  
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 ex-Fuzhou, Capt. J. Taylor  
 PHILIP HUGHAN (APL), American,  
 1.00 p.m., ex-USA  
 ALBERTA LYKES (APL), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast  
 DENMARCH (Lorley), ex-UK  
 HUNAN (H & S), ex-Tientsin  
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 Coast  
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 LISIN (Jin) Yaumati  
 LUN MING (Jin) Yaumati  
 MAUSANG (Lorley) B. Dock  
 MAYON (Jardine) K. Dock  
 MONGARAH (Wallen) Yaumati  
 NOW LIN (Wiford Lee) B. Dock  
 NOD WEL (GMSN) B. Dock  
 NORTH STAR (Yick Yuen) Yaumati  
 PHILIP HUGHAN (APL) AIT  
 POLTAYAW (Wallen) Yaumati  
 PRES. HUGHAN (APL) K. Dock  
 PROSPER (Yen Tai Hong) Yaumati  
 REBEL (HIL) T. Dock  
 SUICHUEN (H & S) T. Dock  
 TAI PO SHAN (Shun Chong) Yaumati  
 TARMAN (HIL) K. Dock  
 TRIVINE (Mac Mac) Yaumati  
 TUDOR (Dowell) K. Dock  
 TYNDALUS (H & S) Yaumati  
 WOSANG (Lorley) B. Dock  
 YAI HUN (GMSN) B. Dock  
 YUNG HAO (KD) K. Dock

**Shipping Arrivals**  
**YESTERDAY**  
 CANTON (Mac Mac) (APL) ex-Ban Fran-  
 cisco, 12.30 p.m., Capt. G.S. Stable  
 K. Wif.  
 DINERA (Ran Fran, Command), British  
 6.22 a.m., ex-Bangkok, Capt. A.A.  
 Key  
 GRAND (Wallen), Panamanian, ex-Tien-  
 tai, Capt. R. Jones, 1.00 p.m.  
 HERMIE JESSEN (H & S), Danish, 1.02  
 1.02 p.m., ex-Singapore, Capt. J.  
 Nielsen  
 KWEIYANG (H & S), British, 1.00 p.m.,  
 ex-Fuzhou, Capt. J. Taylor  
 PHILIP HUGHAN (APL), American,  
 1.00 p.m., ex-USA  
 ALBERTA LYKES (APL), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast  
 DENMARCH (Lorley), ex-UK  
 HUNAN (H & S), ex-Tientsin  
 NANCHANG (H & S), ex-Singapore  
 STEEL TRAVELLER (Gilmann), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast

**TODAY**  
 ALBERTA LYKES (APL), ex-Atlantic  
 Coast  
 DENMARCH (Lorley), ex-UK  
 HUNAN (H & S), ex-Tientsin  
 NANCHANG (H & S



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## HKFA Committee's Views On Referees

A Committee has recently been appointed by the Hong Kong Football Association to arrange for the examination of referees, recommending promotion, reporting the efficiency or otherwise of practising referees and the running of referees' courses.

At a recent meeting of the Committee it was agreed that it should be recommended to the Council of the HKFA that a representative of the Referees Association be allowed to sit on the Referees Sub-Committee as a non-voting member.

The following is a text of a circular issued by the Hong Kong Football Association on the subject:

"1. There has been some discussion in the Press and the Hong Kong Football Association have themselves been worried concerning the football referees position in Hong Kong.

"2. There is no doubt that the future of Hong Kong football lies largely in the provision of good referees and the continual flow of younger men to take over from the older referees.

"3. Recently a Committee was appointed by the Hong Kong Football Association consisting of the following:

Chairman: Lt. Col. 'T. T. Alexander, OBE, Captain H. J. Chinnell and Messrs. H. J. Clarke, K. K. Lee, A. McInnes, R. M. Omar and the Hon. Secretary.

"4. At the last meeting held on April 4, Messrs. A. E. P. Guest and Mr. G. Giffney, Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively, of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association were invited to attend and did so.

"5. At this meeting it was made clear that one of the objects of the Association is to build up the Referees' Association into a strong and active body capable of assisting the Football Association in improving the standard of refereeing, and the relationship between referees, players and the general public.

"6. It was also agreed by the Committee that it should be recommended to the Council of the Association that a representative of the referees Association be allowed to sit on the Referees Sub-Committee as a non-voting member.

## Local Soccer Fixtures

The South China "A" versus Kowloon Motor Bus clash in the First Division of the local soccer league, which will be played at Boundary Street tomorrow, is the only attractive game on this week's programme.

Apart from the League games, however, there will be the games against the Army Singapore XI.

The following is a list of the League games down for decision this week:

**TODAY**  
SECOND DIVISION  
KMB v Navy (PP from 2.30 p.m.)  
Army-KI v Army-IR (PP from 2.30 p.m.)  
Chatham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Dwyer.

**TOMORROW**  
FIRST DIVISION  
KMB v S. China "A" (PP from 12.45 p.m.)  
Boundary Street, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: R. M. Omar; Lineament: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**  
SECOND DIVISION  
Army-KI v KMB (PP from 12.45 p.m.)  
Chatham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Dwyer.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**  
SECOND DIVISION  
Army-KI v Navy (PP from 12.45 p.m.)  
Chatham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Dwyer.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**  
SECOND DIVISION  
KMB v S. China "A" (PP from 12.45 p.m.)  
Boundary Street, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: R. M. Omar; Lineament: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**  
SECOND DIVISION  
Army-KI v KMB (PP from 12.45 p.m.)  
Chatham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Dwyer.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS TO DATE**  
FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
S. China "A"	10	7	1	2	15
Chinese A.A.	10	6	2	2	14
KMB	10	5	3	2	13
Army	10	5	2	3	12
Kit Chee	10	4	4	2	12
Eastern	10	4	3	3	11
St. Joseph's	10	3	4	3	10
S. China "B"	10	3	4	3	10
Club	10	3	3	4	9
Royal Navy	10	3	3	4	9
Police	10	3	2	5	8
R.A.F.	10	2	3	5	7
Kwong Wah	10	1	2	7	4

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chinese A.A.	11	8	1	2	17
KMB	11	7	2	2	16
S. China "A"	11	6	3	2	15
Army	11	6	2	3	14
Kit Chee	11	5	4	2	14
Eastern	11	5	3	3	13
St. Joseph's	11	4	4	3	12
S. China "B"	11	4	4	3	12
Club	11	4	3	4	11
Royal Navy	11	4	3	4	11
Police	11	4	2	5	10
R.A.F.	11	3	3	5	9
Kwong Wah	11	2	2	7	6

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chinese A.A.	12	9	2	1	19
KMB	12	8	3	1	19
S. China "A"	12	7	4	1	18
Army	12	7	3	2	17
Kit Chee	12	6	5	1	17
Eastern	12	6	4	2	16
St. Joseph's	12	5	5	2	15
S. China "B"	12	5	5	2	15
Club	12	5	4	3	14
Royal Navy	12	5	4	3	14
Police	12	5	3	4	13
R.A.F.	12	4	4	4	12
Kwong Wah	12	3	3	6	9

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chinese A.A.	13	10	3	0	20
KMB	13	9	4	0	22
S. China "A"	13	8	5	0	21
Army	13	8	4	1	20
Kit Chee	13	7	6	0	21
Eastern	13	7	5	1	20
St. Joseph's	13	6	6	1	19
S. China "B"	13	6	6	1	19
Club	13	6	5	2	18
Royal Navy	13	6	5	2	18
Police	13	6	4	3	17
R.A.F.	13	5	5	3	16
Kwong Wah	13	4	4	5	12

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chinese A.A.	14	11	4	0	22
KMB	14	10	5	0	24
S. China "A"	14	9	6	0	24
Army	14	9	5	0	23
Kit Chee	14	8	7	0	23
Eastern	14	8	6	0	22
St. Joseph's	14	7	7	0	21
S. China "B"	14	7	7	0	21
Club	14	7	6	1	20
Royal Navy	14	7	6	1	20
Police	14	7	5	2	19
R.A.F.	14	6	6	2	18
Kwong Wah	14	5	5	4	15

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chinese A.A.	15	12	5	0	23
KMB	15	11	6	0	25
S. China "A"	15	10	7	0	25
Army	15	10	6	0	24
Kit Chee	15	9	8	0	24
Eastern	15	9	7	0	23
St. Joseph's	15	8	8	0	22
S. China "B"	15	8	8	0	22
Club	15	8	7	0	21
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Police	15	8	6	1	20
R.A.F.	15	7	7	1	19
Kwong Wah	15	6	6	3	16

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## TAN WINS STABLEFORD COMPETITION

The Stableford Competition played over the week-end at Fanling was won by Mr. J. M. Tan with a total of 38 points; runners-up being Messrs. M. D. Cooper and L. Jackson with 36.

Two more matches were played in the G.M. Young Cup, the Asiatic Petroleum Company beating Dodwell and Company by five points to three and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank beating Jardine, Matheson and Company by the narrow margin of six holes, being all square on points.

Entries wishing to enter for the Shanghai Visitors Cup next Sunday who have not put their names on any of the lists in the club houses or the Hong Kong Club are requested to inform the Secretary by 10 a.m. on Thursday after which time no further entries can be received.

Starting times for the Shanghai Visitors Cup will be published on Friday also ordinary starting times for Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Provided there are sufficient numbers, Friday's starting times will be in Thursday's papers.

Bogey and Medal pools will be held on both courses on all four days of the Easter holiday.

## Race Meet Handicaps

### First Day

1. Menksham Handicap. One Mile. Class 2 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

2. Tai Kook Handicap (1st Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 1 (1949 Points)—Barrister (132), Sea-sprite (139), Emerald Delight (153), First Alarm (147), Maniac (148), Maturity (147), Shun Lee (155) and Silver Shear (145).

3. Tai Kook Handicap (2nd Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 2 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

4. Tai Kook Handicap (3rd Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 3 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

5. Tai Kook Handicap (4th Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 4 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

6. Tai Kook Handicap (5th Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 5 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

7. Tai Kook Handicap (6th Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 6 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

8. Tai Kook Handicap (7th Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 7 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

9. Tai Kook Handicap (8th Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 8 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

10. Tai Kook Handicap (9th Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 9 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (154), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jeep Her (142), Lady Gloucester (151), Liberty (145), May Day (145) and Shun Fung (147).

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## CCC BOWLING RINKS READY

The Craigengower Cricket Club bowling rinks will be ready for play on April 15, but the official opening date is set for April 20.

The Police Recreation Club has been invited by Craigengower to send six rinks to take part in a friendly game on the afternoon of the official opening.

The presentation of prizes to successful members in last year's tennis and bowls competitions will take place on May 7. On the same day, there will be games of bowls and an American Tennis Tournament.

## SINGAPORE TEAM HERE

The Army Singapore Football team composed of 15 players arrived yesterday by the S. Duners. They are to play a series of games in the following order:

1. Singapore v. Hong Kong (April 15, 7.30 p.m.)  
2. Singapore v. Kowloon (April 16, 7.30 p.m.)  
3. Singapore v. Eastern (April 17, 7.30 p.m.)  
4. Singapore v. Kit Chee (April 18, 7.30 p.m.)  
5. Singapore v. St. Joseph's (April 19, 7.30 p.m.)  
6. Singapore v. S. China (April 20, 7.30 p.m.)  
7. Singapore v. Club (April 21, 7.30 p.m.)  
8. Singapore v. Royal Navy (April 22, 7.30 p.m.)  
9. Singapore v. Police (April 23, 7.30 p.m.)  
10. Singapore v. R.A.F. (April 24, 7.30 p.m.)  
11. Singapore v. Kwong Wah (April 25, 7.30 p.m.)

## RHKYC TO START SAILING LESSONS

(By "RUBBINGSTRAKE")  
A new scheme for providing instruction in sailing is starting at the RHKYC almost at once. Members have been circularised to ask whether they will be prepared to instruct or wish to be instructed and complete lists of each set of names will be sent to all concerned.

The idea is that individuals should make arrangements direct with someone on the other list, but it will also be possible to arrange this through the Club. Full details are posted on the Sailing Notice Board.

The summer time-table will be brought into force next week end. The main differences are that the duty boat will leave Kowloon at 1.50 p.m. and Queen's Pier at 2 p.m., otherwise its times are the same. Starting guns will be 15 minutes later on Saturdays and 30 mins later on Sundays than at present. Full details are posted on the board.

During the week there will be Star and Dinghy races on Tuesday evenings and possibly races for private owner classes. This is being decided shortly and a further announcement will be made. However, the duty boat will leave Kowloon at 5.15 p.m. and Queen's Pier at 5.30 p.m. and the first race will start at 6 p.m. This arrangement will start on Tuesday, April 19.

On Thursday evenings, there will be a club night. The duty boat will run at 5.05 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. as for Tuesdays. The emphasis on Thursdays will be instruction. There will be a dinghy race for novices starting at 6 p.m. and the Stars will be available for those who wish to practice before getting on the star helmsmen's list. This arrangement will start on Thursday, April 14. Full details are posted on the board.

Members wanting bag lunches for the Easter Sunday club picnic to Tuen Wan should inform the Secretary on or before Friday next. As announced the week before last, a club boat will be in attendance leaving Kowloon Island at about 9.30.

## Three Charged With Possession Of Arms

A Chinese, who is said to have dragged himself into a police station at Shataukok with five bullet wounds, lived to testify against his alleged assailants at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

You T'soi was, however, giving testimony against Lo Tim, Sung Sing and Li Fong-tse on charges of possession of arms and ammunition, and not of the attempt to murder him.

## CONCERT BY ROYAL MARINE ORCHESTRAS

(By FIRST-NIGHTER)  
A gala evening of music entertainment was presented in grand concert style by the Combined Royal Marine Orchestras of the Far East Fleet excellently conducted by Mr. A. E. Stagg, LRAM, Royal Marines, at the China Fleet Club last night before a full house audience.

The programme of music, pleasant in its variety and thoroughly enjoyable, was unerringly applauded by the house as each item ended. The first half of the instrumental combination was in the soft blending of the brass with the violins in melodious passages.

The ability of the orchestra as a whole and of its conductor in particular, was evident in the last piece ending the first half of the programme: Selection from "Aida," the opera by Verdi. Here the full grandeur of the opera was given its worth.

Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" was in like manner given a commendable interpretation, if only a little soft in its endeavour to be tender.

The only vocalist of the evening received, and deservedly so, in encore ovation: We had Margaret Stewart again, singing Chopin's "Cradle Song" with which she enthralled the audience at the Light Orchestra Concert at the Griggs the night before.

Coming back on enthusiastic demand, Miss Stewart gave "Linden Lea" with equal competence that won her another shower of bouquets.

It was a successful event for the Royal Marines, although they, like others, had their weak moments. This came in the second item of the evening, Handel's "Water Music" which the orchestra was inclined to drag to the point of drying up.

But in the remaining pieces, there was sufficient to make up for this early flaw.

Last night was the Combined Royal Marine Orchestras last performance for some months to date. To music lovers, this is regrettable.

## Olympia Leads At Jamaica

New York, April 10. Olympia, favourite for the Kentucky Derby, to be run on May 7, had an impressive victory in the one mile and one-sixteenth Experimental Handicap at Jamaica yesterday.

As a result his price for the three-year-old classic is expected to shorten to five to two.

Olympia became favourite for the Derby recently, when Blue Feiler, the winter book favourite, was withdrawn owing to internal trouble.

Olympia won yesterday's race by seven lengths from Model Cade, with Stone Age third.

He was ridden by Eddie Arcaro, the first winner of the Derby, who will also be his jockey in next month's race.—Reuter.

## Soccer Match

The following will represent the RHKYC in their first division soccer match against Kwong Wah on the Club ground tomorrow at 2.45 p.m.

Caston, Strange, Fowler, Waller, Forrow, Beck, Barclay, Muller, Nelson, Kienan and Main.

## RECREIO'S PLAN ON LAWN BOWLS

With more and more players taking up the game of lawn bowls, Club de Recreio, winners in both the Senior and Junior League last year, will enter four teams in the League this season, which is to start on May 14.

By virtue of winning the Junior League, Recreio will field two teams in the first, one in the second one in the third.

With 48 players taking part in league matches every Saturday, Recreio will be hard pushed as for as their greens are concerned and with this in view the Club are seeking new ways and means to cater for their members.

However, the Kowloon Cricket Club, which has two greens at their disposal, has offered one of their greens to Recreio. Kowloon Bowling Green Club, with three greens have made a similar offer.

The KCC will put three teams in the League as they have an abundance of players at their disposal. Several new players have joined them, including W. Hong Sing who played for CCC last season.

Another player is Charlie Thompson, a left handed bowler from Shanghai. Thompson is a leading bowler from the North.

The Lawn Bowls Sub-committee of the KCC is composed of T. A. Madar (convenor), F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, J. Orem and J. Tibble.

## Mr. Leslie Coombes Dead

Leslie Griffin Coombes, one of the leading lawn-bowlers in the Colony, died at the War Memorial Hospital on Sunday at the age of 44.

Mr. Coombes was a member of Mr. J. McKelvie's rink that was runners-up in the Colony Open Rinks Championship in 1947. Mr. Coombes played as No. 3.

Mr. Coombes had served in the General Committee of the Kowloon BCC and was due to leave for home by the Duherr next week.

He was survived by his wife and two children. The funeral will take place at 3 p.m. today at Happy Valley.

## HOCKEY GAME

The YMCA Hockey team to meet the Navy tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. on the RNRCC pitch will be: Corley, Caynes, Smith, Angles, D. Inglis, Robertson, Glenkingsop, Boycott, Jacques Slater.

## New Zealand Team's Baptism Of Fire

(By ARCHIE QUICK)  
The fourth New Zealand cricket team to visit Britain gets its baptism of fire at Bradford on April 30 against Yorkshire—a tough assignment for the start of a five-month tour which includes four Tests and 29 other matches.

Though the bowling may be a weak link in its armour, this 1949 side has a wealth of batting talent, and should uphold the fine reputation for enterprising play established by its predecessors and prove very popular wherever it goes.

Great interest is centred on the appearance of Auckland's Bernard Sutcliffe, physical education instructor, aged 25, who may prove to be New Zealand's counterpart of Bradman.

A left hander with all the strokes in his bag—his powerful cover and off-drives and square cuts being a special delight—he sprang to fame by scoring 197 and 128 in one match against Hammond's 1946 MCC side. He has averaged over 100 since and in recent games made four consecutive centuries and was associated in four consecutive double century opening partnerships.

As he is also an outstanding fielder and a useful left-hand spin bowler, we are going to see plenty of him during the Summer.

Another great left-hander who will make our bowlers toil is Martin Donnelly, "bobby" of 1' last touring side, who has now settled in Warwickshire where he is employed by a Birmingham textile firm.

Martin, a double blue and international brilliant cover point is a tremendous asset, with the added value of knowledge of English cricket conditions and personalities.

The Tourists' captain is W. A. Hadlee, accountant, aged 35, and W. M. Wallace, sports goods retailer, aged 32, his deputy; both are strong right handed batsmen and fine stroke players who made their mark over here with Donnelly on the last tour.

Much is also expected of the boot operative J. Reid, aged 20, who was a schoolboy prodigy and is a very free scorer, the aesthetically minded F. B. Smith, who possesses a terrific square cut, and the imperturbable V. J. Scott, solid right hander of whom Australia's Bill O'Reilly once said after a frustrating day: "If I can get the ball past this chap I will throw a party."

Though the team has seven recognised bowlers, a great deal of work with the ball is bound to fall again on J. Cowie, best fast bowler of the 1937 tour, when he took over 100 wickets. Though Cowie is 30 years old and now

bowls only slightly over medium pace, he is still the Dominion's outstanding bowler.

Assisting him will be J. A. Haynes, aged 22, and H. B. Cave, both fast-medium; the spin bowlers C. C. Burke, G. C. Hokeney, and G. F. Crosswell, a clever right handed slow-medium bowler who brings the ball back from leg and keeps an immaculate length.

The stumper is F. Mooney, also a steady bat, though not in the same class as the brilliant James and his understudy will be young Reid.

The side is the oldest yet sent out, eight being over 30 and only two under 25, but the New Zealand cricket authorities feel that as a result there is less likelihood of losing key players through offers while abroad. Seven of their greatest players have migrated to Britain since the Dominion first sent a team to the Mother Country, 22 years ago.</